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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1983	October 1984	Sept. 1984	October 1983	Percent Change from Sept. 1984	Percent Change from October 1983	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	298.4	315.3	314.5	302.6	0.3	4.2	3.7
Food & Beverage	284.4	296.6	296.4	285.7	0.1	3.8	1.2
Housing	323.1	341.2	341.4	326.8	−0.1	4.4	−1.2
Apparel and Upkeep	196.5	205.7	204.2	200.7	0.7	2.5	8.7
Transportation	298.4	315.5	313.7	305.0	0.6	3.4	7.4
Medical Care	357.3	385.5	383.1	362.9	0.6	6.2	7.4
Entertainment	246.0	258.3	257.3	249.1	0.4	3.7	4.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
(1967=100) UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1983	October 1984	September 1984	October 1983	Percent Change from September 1984	Percent Change from October 1983
All Commodities	303.1	309.4	309.5	306.3	—	1.0
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	253.9	255.8	259.6	257.9	−1.5	−0.8
Industrial Commodities	315.8	323.2	322.3	318.7	0.3	1.4

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October 1984	Sept. 1984	October 1983	October 1984	Sept. 1984	October 1983	October 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
United States									
Manufacturing	373.82	375.25	362.23	40.5	40.7	40.7	9.23	9.22	8.90
Durable	402.52	404.48	391.11	41.2	41.4	41.3	9.77	9.77	9.47
Nondurable	333.38	334.67	323.99	39.5	39.7	39.9	8.44	8.43	8.12
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	301.46	310.86	303.67	38.5	39.2	39.8	7.83	7.93	7.63
Durable	325.54	333.32	326.02	39.7	40.5	40.2	8.20	8.23	8.11
Nondurable	285.39	296.06	283.08	37.7	38.4	39.6	7.57	7.71	7.30
Fargo-Moorhead MSA									
Manufacturing	308.07	322.31	319.39	37.8	38.6	41.0	8.15	8.35	7.79
Durable	324.37	328.89	321.02	38.8	39.2	38.4	8.36	8.39	8.36
Nondurable	297.17	316.99	312.99	37.1	38.1	41.9	8.01	8.32	7.47

LABOR FORCE

	October 1984	September 1984	October 1983	Percent Change from September 1984	Percent Change from October 1983
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	115,722	115,419	113,561	0.3	1.9
Employment	107,291	106,959	103,665	0.3	3.5
Unemployment	8,431	8,460	9,896	−0.3	−14.8
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.3%	7.3%	8.7%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	323,560	331,490	317,810	−2.4	1.8
Employment	308,720	318,360	305,910	−3.0	0.9
Unemployment	14,840	13,130	11,900	13.0	24.7
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.6%	4.0%	3.7%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	75,300	74,360	74,580	1.3	1.0
Employment	73,140	72,320	72,570	1.1	0.8
Unemployment	2,160	2,040	2,010	5.9	7.5
Unemployment Rate 1/	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	—	—
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	30,000	29,510	27,060	1.7	10.9
Employment	29,100	28,690	26,300	1.4	10.6
Unemployment	900	820	760	9.8	18.4
Unemployment Rate 1/	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	—	—
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	41,240	41,440	39,680	−0.5	3.9
Employment	38,500	39,070	37,830	−1.5	1.8
Unemployment	2,740	2,370	1,850	15.6	48.1
Unemployment Rate 1/	6.6%	5.7%	4.7%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted; other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks county; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton counties.

1/ Based on unrounded data.

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	October 1984	September 1984	October 1983
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	256,280	255,030	255,900
Mining	7,580	7,850	6,910
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	1,880	1,890	1,710
Other Mining	5,700	5,960	5,200
Construction	16,790	17,120	20,520
Manufacturing	16,420	16,170	15,780
Durable Goods	6,720	6,800	6,530
Nondurable Goods	9,700	9,370	9,250
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,580	16,480	16,690
Trade	66,400	66,580	65,880
Wholesale	20,110	20,090	20,080
Retail	46,290	46,490	45,800
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	12,080	12,090	11,840
Services	57,300	57,430	55,990
Government	63,130	61,310	62,290
Federal	9,640	9,790	9,450
State	19,420	18,010	19,110
Local	34,070	33,510	33,730

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
October 1984

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1.	Divide	3,494	1,689	1,641	48	2.8%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,780	3,661	119	3.1%
	Williams	22,237	12,683	12,246	437	3.4%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	18,152	17,548	604	3.3%
2.	Bottineau	9,338	4,218	3,965	253	6.0%
	Burke	3,822	1,999	1,929	70	3.5%
	McHenry	7,858	3,328	3,050	278	8.4%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,553	3,334	219	6.2%
	Pierce	6,166	3,102	2,997	105	3.4%
	Renville	3,608	1,667	1,576	91	5.5%
	Ward	58,392	25,486	24,071	1,415	5.6%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	43,353	40,922	2,431	5.6%
3.	Benson	7,944	3,213	2,945	268	8.3%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,418	3,272	146	4.3%
	Eddy	3,554	1,753	1,680	73	4.2%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,606	6,335	271	4.1%
	Rolette	12,177	5,157	4,589	568	11.0%
	Towner	4,052	2,249	2,196	53	2.4%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	22,396	21,017	1,379	6.2%
4.	Grand Forks	66,100	29,725	28,828	897	3.0%
	Nelson	5,233	2,635	2,526	109	4.1%
	Pembina	10,399	5,921	5,598	323	5.5%
	Walsh	15,371	8,625	8,278	347	4.0%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	46,906	45,230	1,676	3.6%
5.	Cass	88,247	47,515	46,077	1,438	3.0%
	Ransom	6,698	2,947	2,856	91	3.1%
	Richland	19,207	9,108	8,802	306	3.4%
	Sargent	5,512	2,535	2,455	80	3.2%
	Steele	3,106	1,392	1,356	36	2.6%
	Traill	9,624	4,753	4,594	159	3.3%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	68,250	66,140	2,110	3.1%
6.	Barnes	13,960	5,994	5,726	268	4.5%
	Dickey	7,207	3,525	3,434	91	2.6%
	Foster	4,611	2,108	2,041	67	3.2%
	Griggs	3,714	1,702	1,667	35	2.1%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,582	2,510	72	2.8%
	Logan	3,493	1,485	1,457	28	1.9%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,356	2,318	38	1.6%
	Stutsman	24,154	11,657	11,170	487	4.2%
	Wells	6,979	3,388	3,264	124	3.7%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	34,797	33,587	1,210	3.5%
7.	Burleigh	54,811	28,242	26,451	1,791	6.3%
	Emmons	5,877	2,408	2,255	153	6.4%
	Grant	4,274	1,762	1,694	68	3.9%
	Kidder	3,833	1,500	1,413	87	5.8%
	McLean	12,288	5,509	5,036	473	8.6%
	Mercer	9,378	11,959	11,328	631	5.3%
	Morton	25,177	12,992	12,047	945	7.3%
	Oliver	2,495	1,140	1,067	73	6.4%
	Sheridan	2,819	1,175	1,152	23	2.0%
	Sioux	3,620	1,253	1,166	87	6.9%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	67,940	63,609	4,331	6.4%
8.	Adams	3,584	1,953	1,895	58	3.0%
	Billings	1,138	875	859	16	1.8%
	Bowman	4,229	2,207	2,156	51	2.3%
	Dunn	4,627	1,988	1,823	165	8.3%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,200	1,138	62	5.2%
	Hettinger	4,275	1,834	1,787	47	2.6%
	Slope	1,157	545	521	24	4.4%
	Stark	23,697	11,166	10,494	672	6.0%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	21,768	20,673	1,095	5.0%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	323,562	308,726	14,836	4.6%

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	October 1984	September 1984	October 1983
FARGO—MOORHEAD MSA			
Total	65,520	63,630	64,880
Mining and Construction	3,210	3,260	3,320
Manufacturing	5,070	4,930	4,850
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,740	3,680	3,910
Wholesale Trade	6,630	6,660	6,570
Retail Trade	12,320	12,360	12,140
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,080	4,050	3,890
Services	16,580	15,700	16,330
Government	13,890	12,990	13,870
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Total	27,920	27,050	27,510
Mining and Construction	1,480	1,530	1,520
Manufacturing	1,370	1,300	1,290
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,710	1,700	1,640
Wholesale Trade	1,380	1,380	1,360
Retail Trade	6,180	6,220	6,180
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	990	990	1,020
Services	6,070	5,970	6,000
Government	8,740	7,960	8,500
BISMARCK MSA			
Total	36,280	36,290	35,690
Mining and Construction	2,390	2,420	2,480
Manufacturing	2,100	2,110	2,030
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,910	2,900	2,890
Wholesale Trade	2,460	2,480	2,460
Retail Trade	7,320	7,350	7,050
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,650	1,650	1,700
Services	9,700	9,690	9,470
Government	7,750	7,680	7,610

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	Annual Average 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Percent Change from Oct. 1984	Percent Change from Nov. 1983	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	298.4	315.3	315.3	303.1	—	4.0	—
Food & Beverage	284.4	296.3	296.6	285.3	−0.1	3.9	−1.2
Housing	323.1	340.9	341.2	327.0	−0.1	4.3	−1.2
Apparel and Upkeep	196.5	205.2	205.7	200.7	−0.2	2.2	−2.4
Transportation	298.4	316.1	315.5	306.3	0.2	3.2	2.4
Medical Care	357.3	387.5	385.5	364.9	0.5	6.2	6.2
Entertainment	246.0	259.0	258.3	249.5	0.3	3.8	3.7

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1983	November 1984	October 1984	November 1983	Percent Change from October 1984	Percent Change from September 1983
All Commodities	303.1	310.4	309.4	305.6	0.3	1.6
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	253.9	258.4	255.8	256.0	1.0	0.9
Industrial Commodities	315.8	323.8	323.2	318.3	0.2	1.7

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
United States									
Manufacturing	378.51	373.41	365.98	40.7	40.5	40.8	9.30	9.22	8.97
Durable	406.96	401.70	395.50	41.4	41.2	41.5	9.83	9.75	9.53
Nondurable	338.64	332.99	327.20	39.7	39.5	40.0	8.53	8.43	8.18
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	301.80	303.80	304.20	38.3	38.7	38.9	7.88	7.85	7.82
Durable	314.93	329.22	327.98	38.5	40.1	39.9	8.18	8.21	8.22
Nondurable	291.84	286.52	288.78	38.0	37.7	38.3	7.68	7.60	7.54
Fargo-Moorhead MSA									
Manufacturing	300.93	308.01	319.94	36.3	37.7	38.5	8.29	8.17	8.31
Durable	313.76	325.08	338.37	37.0	38.7	39.3	8.48	8.40	8.61
Nondurable	293.30	297.54	307.80	35.9	37.1	38.0	8.17	8.02	8.10

LABOR FORCE

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Percent Change from Oct. 1984	Percent Change from Nov. 1983
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	115,725	115,722	113,720	–	1.8
Employment	107,571	107,291	104,291	0.3	3.1
Unemployment	8,154	8,431	9,429	−3.3	−13.5
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.0%	7.3%	8.3%	–	–
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	310,170	323,540	304,880	−4.1	1.7
Employment	293,610	308,700	290,220	−4.9	1.2
Unemployment	16,560	14,840	14,660	11.6	13.0
Unemployment Rate 1/	5.3%	4.6%	4.8%	–	–
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	74,190	74,070	73,850	0.2	0.5
Employment	70,920	71,900	71,320	−1.4	−0.6
Unemployment	3,270	2,170	2,530	50.7	29.2
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.4%	2.9%	3.4%	–	–
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	29,050	28,880	26,970	0.6	7.7
Employment	27,730	27,980	25,920	−0.9	7.0
Unemployment	1,320	900	1,050	46.7	25.7
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.5%	3.1%	3.9%	–	–
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	41,840	42,280	39,540	-1.0	5.8
Employment	38,960	39,520	37,260	−1.4	4.6
Unemployment	2,880	2,760	2,280	4.3	26.3
Unemployment Rate 1/	6.9%	6.5%	5.8%	–	–

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NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	254,450	256,260	254,430
Mining	7,630	7,600	6,900
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	5,780	5,700	5,220
Other Mining	1,850	1,900	1,680
Construction	15,340	16,780	19,030
Manufacturing	16,180	16,380	15,310
Durable Goods	6,530	6,700	6,320
Nondurable Goods	9,650	9,680	8,990
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,500	16,550	16,560
Trade	66,840	66,420	66,250
Wholesale	20,070	20,100	19,980
Retail	46,770	46,320	46,270
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	12,090	12,090	11,860
Services	56,560	57,340	56,110
Government	63,310	63,100	62,410
Federal	9,660	9,580	9,480
State	19,530	19,420	19,150
Local	34,120	34,100	33,780

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LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
November 1984

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1	Divide	3,494	1,457	1,399	58	4.0%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,628	3,508	120	3.3%
	Williams	22,237	14,205	13,788	417	2.9%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	19,290	18,695	595	3.1%
2	Bottineau	9,338	3,787	3,562	225	5.9%
	Burke	3,822	1,766	1,691	75	4.2%
	McHenry	7,858	3,018	2,705	313	10.4%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,196	3,018	178	5.6%
	Pierce	6,166	2,924	2,790	134	4.6%
	Renville	3,608	1,448	1,360	88	6.1%
	Ward	58,392	25,503	23,955	1,548	6.1%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	41,642	39,081	2,561	6.2%
3	Benson	7,944	3,099	2,800	299	9.6%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,088	2,930	158	5.1%
	Eddy	3,554	1,635	1,519	116	7.1%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,414	6,094	320	5.0%
	Rolette	12,177	4,931	4,315	616	12.5%
	Towner	4,052	2,048	1,988	60	2.9%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	21,215	19,646	1,569	7.4%
4	Grand Forks	66,100	29,049	27,730	1,319	4.5%
	Nelson	5,233	2,445	2,282	163	6.7%
	Pembina	10,399	5,549	5,132	417	7.5%
	Walsh	15,371	7,881	7,519	362	4.6%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	44,924	42,663	2,261	5.0%
5	Cass	88,247	46,091	44,303	1,788	3.9%
	Ransom	6,698	2,632	2,542	90	3.4%
	Richland	19,207	9,054	8,732	322	3.6%
	Sargent	5,512	2,392	2,293	99	4.1%
	Steele	3,106	1,229	1,189	40	3.3%
	Traill	9,624	4,549	4,428	121	2.7%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	65,947	63,487	2,460	3.7%
6	Barnes	13,960	5,633	5,298	335	5.9%
	Dickey	7,207	3,259	3,170	89	2.7%
	Foster	4,611	1,997	1,915	82	4.1%
	Griggs	3,714	1,539	1,475	64	4.2%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,379	2,283	96	4.0%
	Logan	3,493	1,375	1,334	41	3.0%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,107	2,070	37	1.8%
	Stutsman	24,154	11,457	10,896	561	4.9%
	Wells	6,979	3,189	2,998	191	6.0%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	32,935	31,439	1,496	4.5%
7	Burleigh	54,811	28,667	26,767	1,900	6.6%
	Emmons	5,877	2,149	2,000	149	6.9%
	Grant	4,274	1,490	1,411	79	5.3%
	Kidder	3,833	1,377	1,280	97	7.0%
	McLean	12,288	5,255	4,754	501	9.5%
	Mercer	9,378	7,067	6,443	624	8.8%
	Morton	25,177	13,167	12,191	976	7.4%
	Oliver	2,495	1,080	1,022	58	5.4%
	Sheridan	2,819	1,006	957	49	4.9%
	Sioux	3,620	1,244	1,138	106	8.5%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	62,502	57,963	4,539	7.3%
8	Adams	3,584	1,895	1,846	49	2.6%
	Billings	1,138	739	726	13	1.8%
	Bowman	4,229	2,027	1,981	46	2.3%
	Dunn	4,627	1,790	1,658	132	7.4%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,132	1,068	64	5.7%
	Hettinger	4,275	1,661	1,597	64	3.9%
	Slope	1,157	454	441	13	2.9%
	Stark	23,697	12,016	11,318	698	5.8%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	21,714	20,635	1,079	5.0%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	310,169	293,609	16,560	5.3%

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
FARGO—MOORHEAD MSA			
Total	65,330	65,400	64,430
Mining and Construction	3,020	3,210	3,120
Manufacturing	4,850	5,050	4,670
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,710	3,730	3,840
Wholesale Trade	6,650	6,630	6,580
Retail Trade	12,410	12,330	12,180
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,090	4,080	3,900
Services	16,740	16,600	16,330
Government	13,860	13,770	13,810
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Total	28,000	27,800	27,660
Mining and Construction	1,310	1,470	1,340
Manufacturing	1,390	1,380	1,310
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,550	1,590	1,600
Wholesale Trade	1,380	1,380	1,370
Retail Trade	6,330	6,180	6,340
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	990	990	1,010
Services	6,060	6,080	5,980
Government	8,990	8,730	8,710
BISMARCK MSA			
Total	36,470	36,440	35,890
Mining and Construction	2,240	2,400	2,400
Manufacturing	2,060	2,100	2,010
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,870	2,910	2,860
Wholesale Trade	2,460	2,460	2,470
Retail Trade	7,460	7,310	7,200
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,660	1,650	1,690
Services	9,930	9,800	9,620
Government	7,790	7,810	7,640

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1983	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Percent Change from Nov. 1984	Percent Change from Dec. 1983	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	298.4	315.5	315.3	303.5	0.1	4.0	1.2
Food & Beverage	284.4	297.2	296.3	286.5	0.3	3.7	3.7
Housing	323.1	341.2	340.9	327.4	0.1	4.2	1.2
Apparel and Upkeep	196.5	203.2	205.2	199.3	−1.0	2.0	−12.7
Transportation	298.4	315.8	316.1	306.3	−0.1	3.1	−1.2
Medical Care	357.3	388.5	387.5	366.2	0.3	6.1	3.7
Entertainment	246.0	260.1	259.0	249.5	0.4	4.2	4.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1983	December 1984	November 1984	December 1983	Percent Change from November 1984	Percent Change from December 1983
All Commodities	303.1	309.9	310.4	306.1	−0.2	1.2
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	253.9	259.2	258.4	257.9	0.3	0.5
Industrial Commodities	315.8	323.0	323.8	318.4	−0.2	1.4

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
United States									
Manufacturing	387.81	378.51	372.45	41.3	40.7	41.2	9.39	9.30	9.04
Durable	419.47	406.96	403.20	42.2	41.4	42.0	9.94	9.83	9.60
Nondurable	343.20	337.79	330.42	40.0	39.6	40.1	8.58	8.53	8.24
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	303.38	306.48	301.07	38.5	38.6	38.5	7.88	7.94	7.82
Durable	318.66	312.23	320.58	38.3	37.8	39.0	8.32	8.26	8.22
Nondurable	293.75	301.47	289.17	38.6	39.0	38.2	7.61	7.73	7.57
Fargo-Moorhead MSA									
Manufacturing	313.47	298.02	314.93	38.7	36.3	38.5	8.10	8.21	8.18
Durable	303.96	304.79	315.93	37.9	36.9	37.7	8.02	8.26	8.38
Nondurable	319.09	293.66	314.34	39.2	35.9	39.0	8.14	8.18	8.06

LABOR FORCE

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Percent Change from Nov. 1984	Percent Change from Dec. 1983
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	116,162	115,725	113,824	0.4	2.1
Employment	107,971	107,571	104,629	0.4	3.2
Unemployment	8,191	8,154	9,195	0.5	-10.9
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.1%	7.0%	8.1%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	307,870	310,420	298,230	-0.8	3.2
Employment	288,660	293,860	281,910	-1.8	2.4
Unemployment	19,210	16,560	16,320	16.0	17.7
Unemployment Rate 1/	6.2%	5.3%	5.5%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	73,320	73,480	73,970	-0.2	-0.9
Employment	69,950	70,680	70,440	-1.0	-0.7
Unemployment	3,370	2,800	3,530	20.4	-4.5
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.6%	3.8%	4.8%	—	—
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	28,720	28,830	26,640	-0.4	7.8
Employment	27,490	27,760	25,570	-1.0	7.5
Unemployment	1,230	1,070	1,070	15.0	15.0
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%	—	—
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,110	42,010	39,050	0.2	7.8
Employment	38,810	39,030	36,480	-0.6	6.4
Unemployment	3,300	2,980	2,570	10.7	28.4
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.8%	7.1%	6.6%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay counties, the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks county, and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton counties.

1/ Based on unrounded data.

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	252,230	254,670	252,330
Mining	7,410	7,570	7,550
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	5,680	5,720	6,020
Other Mining	1,730	1,850	1,530
Construction	12,920	15,320	15,230
Manufacturing	15,380	15,910	15,150
Durable Goods	6,040	6,500	6,110
Nondurable Goods	9,340	9,410	9,040
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,500	16,560	16,520
Trade	67,210	66,820	66,800
Wholesale	19,980	20,070	19,830
Retail	47,230	46,750	46,970
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	12,150	12,090	12,050
Services	57,380	57,360	56,380
Government	63,280	63,040	62,650
Federal	9,690	9,660	9,490
State	19,260	19,230	19,150
Local	34,330	34,150	34,010

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LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
December 1984

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1	Divide	3,494	1,407	1,351	56	4.0%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,662	3,521	141	3.9%
	Williams	22,237	14,478	13,907	571	3.9%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	19,547	18,779	768	3.9%
2	Bottineau	9,338	3,703	3,428	275	7.4%
	Burke	3,822	1,698	1,609	89	5.2%
	McHenry	7,858	2,953	2,565	388	13.1%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,172	2,949	223	7.0%
	Pierce	6,166	2,877	2,720	157	5.5%
	Renville	3,608	1,395	1,310	85	6.1%
	Ward	58,392	25,687	23,894	1,793	7.0%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	41,485	38,475	3,010	7.3%
3	Benson	7,944	3,074	2,730	344	11.2%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,015	2,763	252	8.4%
	Eddy	3,554	1,660	1,486	174	10.5%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,417	5,996	421	6.6%
	Rolette	12,177	4,917	4,292	625	12.7%
	Towner	4,052	2,007	1,900	107	5.3%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	21,090	19,167	1,923	9.1%
4	Grand Forks	66,100	28,721	27,491	1,230	4.3%
	Nelson	5,233	2,387	2,174	213	8.9%
	Pembina	10,399	5,343	4,854	489	9.2%
	Walsh	15,371	7,732	7,291	441	5.7%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	44,183	41,810	2,373	5.4%
5	Cass	88,247	45,621	43,850	1,771	3.9%
	Ransom	6,698	2,553	2,445	108	4.2%
	Richland	19,207	9,013	8,603	410	4.5%
	Sargent	5,512	2,339	2,215	124	5.3%
	Steele	3,106	1,183	1,127	56	4.7%
	Traill	9,624	4,428	4,311	117	2.6%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	65,137	62,551	2,586	4.0%
6	Barnes	13,960	5,570	5,160	410	7.4%
	Dickey	7,207	3,191	3,057	134	4.2%
	Foster	4,611	1,970	1,843	127	6.4%
	Griggs	3,714	1,534	1,444	90	5.9%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,343	2,194	149	6.4%
	Logan	3,493	1,336	1,262	74	5.5%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,072	2,020	52	2.5%
	Stutsman	24,154	11,484	10,751	733	6.4%
	Wells	6,979	3,110	2,863	247	7.9%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	32,610	30,594	2,016	6.2%
7	Burleigh	54,811	28,782	26,667	2,115	7.3%
	Emmons	5,877	2,053	1,867	186	9.1%
	Grant	4,274	1,413	1,341	72	5.1%
	Kidder	3,833	1,336	1,215	121	9.1%
	McLean	12,288	5,167	4,598	569	11.0%
	Mercer	9,378	6,901	6,184	717	10.4%
	Morton	25,177	13,327	12,146	1,181	8.9%
	Oliver	2,495	1,036	951	85	8.2%
	Sheridan	2,819	971	902	69	7.1%
	Sioux	3,620	1,274	1,176	98	7.7%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	62,260	57,047	5,213	8.4%
8	Adams	3,584	1,865	1,809	56	3.0%
	Billings	1,138	688	673	15	2.2%
	Bowman	4,229	2,036	1,993	43	2.1%
	Dunn	4,627	1,769	1,610	159	9.0%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,098	1,037	61	5.6%
	Hettinger	4,275	1,627	1,535	92	5.7%
	Slope	1,157	447	424	23	5.1%
	Stark	23,697	12,024	11,156	868	7.2%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	21,554	20,237	1,317	6.1%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	307,866	288,660	19,206	6.2%

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	Dec. 1984	Nov 1984	Dec. 1983
FARGO—MOORHEAD MSA			
Total	64,260	65,040	64,040
Mining and Construction	2,590	3,020	2,610
Manufacturing	4,530	4,830	4,520
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,680	3,710	3,790
Wholesale Trade	6,630	6,650	6,570
Retail Trade	12,590	12,410	12,390
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,110	4,090	3,950
Services	15,740	16,740	16,410
Government	13,390	13,590	13,800
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Total	27,630	28,010	27,540
Mining and Construction	1,010	1,310	1,050
Manufacturing	1,370	1,390	1,290
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,560	1,560	1,600
Wholesale Trade	1,410	1,380	1,400
Retail Trade	6,360	6,330	6,410
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	990	990	1,010
Services	5,930	6,060	5,950
Government	9,000	8,990	8,830
BISMARCK MSA			
Total	36,220	36,370	35,560
Mining and Construction	1,920	2,230	2,020
Manufacturing	2,020	2,060	1,940
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,870	2,880	2,840
Wholesale Trade	2,440	2,460	2,460
Retail Trade	7,500	7,460	7,310
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,650	1,660	1,660
Services	9,830	9,830	9,640
Government	7,990	7,790	7,690

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967 = 100)

	Annual Average 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Percent Change from Dec. 1984	Percent Change from Jan. 1984	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	311.1	316.1	315.5	305.2	0.2	3.6	2.4
Food & Beverage	295.1	299.3	297.2	291.6	0.7	2.6	8.7
Housing	336.5	342.0	341.2	329.2	0.2	3.9	2.4
Apparel and Upkeep	200.2	199.8	203.2	196.4	−1.7	1.7	−22.4
Transportation	311.7	314.7	315.8	306.0	−0.3	2.8	−3.7
Medical Care	379.5	391.1	388.5	369.5	0.7	5.8	8.7
Entertainment	255.1	261.0	260.1	249.9	0.3	4.4	3.7

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967 = 100)

	Annual Average 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Percent Change from Dec. 1984	Percent Change from Jan. 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.8	309.9	308.1	—	0.6
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	258.0	259.2	264.4	−0.5	−2.4
Industrial Commodities	322.6	323.2	323.0	319.1	0.1	1.3

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
United States									
Manufacturing	377.88	386.46	368.65	40.2	41.2	40.6	9.40	9.38	9.08
Durable	408.95	418.47	398.13	41.1	42.1	41.3	9.95	9.94	9.64
Nondurable	334.70	341.60	326.67	39.1	40.0	39.5	8.56	8.54	8.27
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	308.77	307.28	297.56	38.5	38.7	38.1	8.02	7.94	7.81
Durable	326.70	334.36	320.19	38.8	39.9	39.0	8.42	8.38	8.21
Nondurable	297.21	291.84	284.26	38.3	38.0	37.6	7.76	7.68	7.56
Fargo-Moorhead MSA									
Manufacturing	312.96	316.65	314.00	38.4	38.9	38.2	8.15	8.14	8.22
Durable	291.64	306.40	319.17	36.5	38.3	38.5	7.99	8.00	8.29
Nondurable	324.26	323.05	311.66	39.4	39.3	38.1	8.23	8.22	8.18

LABOR FORCE

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Percent Change from Dec. 1984	Percent Change from Jan. 1984
UNITED STATES (in Thousands)					
Labor Force	116,572	116,162	113,902	0.4	2.3
Employment	108,088	107,971	104,876	0.1	3.1
Unemployment	8,484	8,191	9,026	3.6	−6.0
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.3%	7.1%	7.9%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	309,520	309,720	300,370	−0.1	3.0
Employment	286,260	291,880	279,820	−1.9	2.3
Unemployment	23,260	17,840	20,550	30.4	13.2
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.5%	5.8%	6.8%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	N/A	76,200	72,700	N/A	N/A
Employment	N/A	72,340	68,690	N/A	N/A
Unemployment	N/A	3,360	4,010	N/A	N/A
Unemployment Rate 1/	N/A	4.4%	5.5%	—	—
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	28,530	29,150	27,330	−2.1	4.4
Employment	26,960	28,000	25,910	−3.7	4.1
Unemployment	1,570	1,150	1,420	36.5	10.6
Unemployment Rate 1/	5.5%	3.9%	5.2%	—	—
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	41,980	42,100	40,120	−0.3	4.6
Employment	38,540	39,050	36,930	−1.3	4.4
Unemployment	3,440	3,050	3,190	12.8	7.8
Unemployment Rate 1/	8.2%	7.3%	7.9%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

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NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	249,350	255,120	245,830
Mining	7,350	7,580	7,340
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	5,750	5,900	5,860
Other Mining	1,600	1,680	1,480
Construction	11,210	12,810	12,100
Manufacturing	15,150	15,380	15,190
Durable Goods	5,810	5,980	6,050
Nondurable Goods	9,340	9,400	9,140
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,380	16,720	15,990
Trade	67,300	69,450	64,980
Wholesale	20,150	20,520	19,940
Retail	47,150	48,930	45,040
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	12,310	12,370	11,940
Services	57,320	57,710	56,530
Government	62,330	63,100	61,760
Federal	9,130	9,150	9,150
State	18,780	19,260	18,440
Local	34,420	34,690	34,170

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
January 1985

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1.	Divide	3,494	1,401	1,345	56	4.0%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,935	3,745	190	4.8%
	Williams	22,237	14,518	13,658	860	5.9%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	19,854	18,748	1,106	5.6%
2.	Bottineau	9,338	3,860	3,465	395	10.2%
	Burke	3,822	1,764	1,670	94	5.3%
	McHenry	7,858	3,016	2,495	521	17.3%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,234	2,927	307	9.5%
	Pierce	6,166	2,843	2,628	215	7.6%
	Renville	3,608	1,527	1,396	131	8.6%
	Ward	58,392	25,730	23,526	2,204	8.6%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	41,974	38,107	3,867	9.2%
3.	Benson	7,944	3,213	2,868	345	10.7%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,002	2,720	282	9.4%
	Eddy	3,554	1,669	1,464	205	12.3%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,670	6,160	510	7.6%
	Rolette	12,177	4,978	4,160	818	16.4%
	Towner	4,052	1,955	1,817	138	7.1%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	21,487	19,189	2,298	10.7%
4.	Grand Forks	66,100	28,533	26,961	1,572	5.5%
	Nelson	5,233	2,459	2,171	288	11.7%
	Pembina	10,399	5,364	4,802	562	10.5%
	Walsh	15,371	7,889	7,374	515	6.5%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	44,245	41,308	2,937	6.7%
5.	Cass	88,247	47,065	44,906	2,159	4.6%
	Ransom	6,698	2,564	2,433	131	5.1%
	Richland	19,207	8,623	8,092	531	6.2%
	Sargent	5,512	2,391	2,226	165	6.9%
	Steele	3,106	1,179	1,099	80	6.8%
	Traill	9,624	4,354	4,188	166	3.8%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	66,176	62,944	3,232	4.9%
6.	Barnes	13,960	5,806	5,260	546	9.4%
	Dickey	7,207	3,188	3,026	162	5.1%
	Foster	4,611	2,033	1,877	156	7.7%
	Griggs	3,714	1,477	1,374	103	7.0%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,307	2,156	151	6.5%
	Logan	3,493	1,283	1,198	85	6.6%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,090	2,026	64	3.1%
	Stutsman	24,154	11,276	10,373	903	8.0%
	Wells	6,979	3,189	2,884	305	9.6%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	32,649	30,174	2,475	7.6%
7.	Burleigh	54,811	28,714	26,478	2,236	7.8%
	Emmons	5,877	2,113	1,881	232	11.0%
	Grant	4,274	1,423	1,339	84	5.9%
	Kidder	3,833	1,319	1,125	194	14.7%
	McLean	12,288	5,155	4,504	651	12.6%
	Mercer	9,378	6,406	5,616	790	12.3%
	Morton	25,177	13,265	12,059	1,206	9.1%
	Oliver	2,495	978	883	95	9.7%
	Sheridan	2,819	948	861	87	9.2%
	Sioux	3,620	1,188	1,067	121	10.2%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	61,509	55,813	5,696	9.3%
8.	Adams	3,584	1,867	1,809	58	3.1%
	Billings	1,138	688	671	17	2.5%
	Bowman	4,229	2,029	1,944	85	4.2%
	Dunn	4,627	1,757	1,588	169	9.6%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,110	1,035	75	6.8%
	Hettinger	4,275	1,670	1,556	114	6.8%
	Slope	1,157	505	472	33	6.5%
	Stark	23,697	11,999	10,900	1,099	9.2%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	21,625	19,975	1,650	7.6%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	309,519	286,258	23,961	7.5%

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	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
FARGO—MOORHEAD MSA			
Total	65,920	67,080	63,420
Mining and Construction	2,570	3,070	2,260
Manufacturing	4,740	4,780	4,670
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,850	3,990	3,830
Wholesale Trade	6,670	6,760	6,410
Retail Trade	13,110	13,680	12,150
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,270	4,250	3,990
Services	17,200	17,250	16,660
Government	13,510	13,300	13,450
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Total	27,050	28,390	26,190
Mining and Construction	950	1,110	910
Manufacturing	1,310	1,360	1,260
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,460	1,530	1,480
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,390	1,350
Retail Trade	6,660	7,040	6,090
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,050	1,060	1,020
Services	5,820	5,900	5,810
Government	8,440	9,000	8,270
BISMARCK MSA			
Total	35,510	36,070	34,630
Mining and Construction	1,520	1,830	1,660
Manufacturing	1,880	1,940	1,890
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,780	2,860	2,770
Wholesale Trade	2,560	2,530	2,480
Retail Trade	6,910	7,200	6,990
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,630	1,650	1,630
Services	10,120	10,030	9,700
Government	8,110	8,030	7,510

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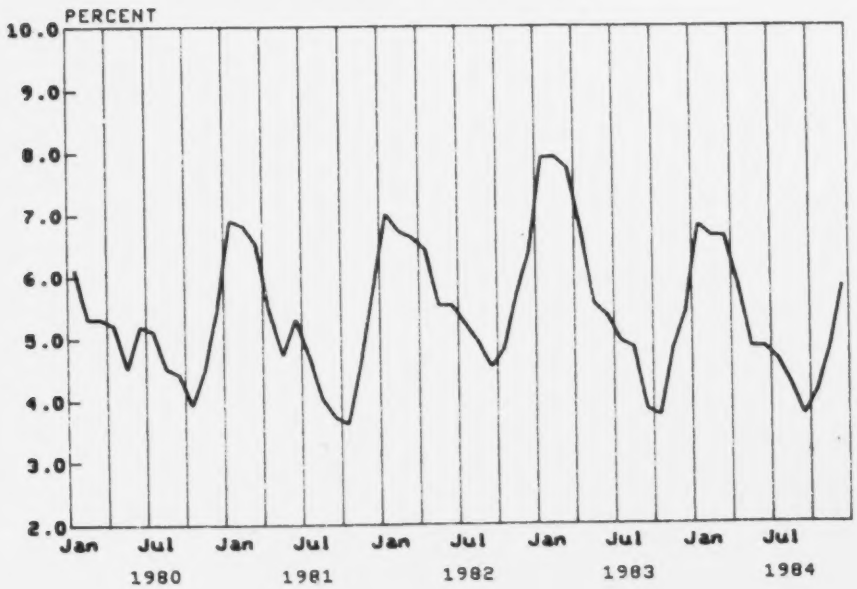

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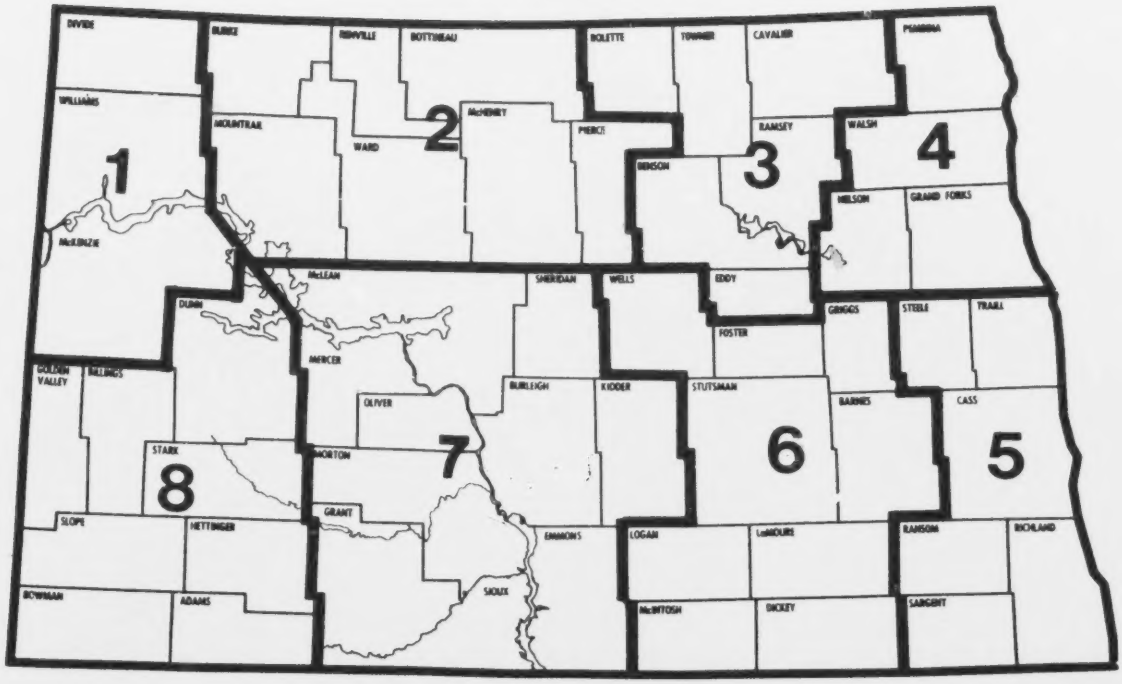

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THE NEW LABOR MARKET ADVISOR

There is an old adage which goes something like "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Our previous Labor Market Advisor "wasn't broke" so we really aren't fixing it--just trying to improve the product and to make it easier for you to find and use the data that you need.

After you opened the front cover, the first thing you found was this narrative introducing you to our new format. Future monthly publications will contain articles on various topics of interest related to the labor market. We may look at certain components of the labor market or specific geographic areas. We'll also use this space to let you know of new information that is available or new surveys that we may be conducting. If you have an interest in a certain subject--let us know--we may be able to incorporate it into a future issue.

As you turn the pages, you will notice a couple of additional changes. The most obvious is that the data is spread over more area. The primary reason for this is to make it easier to read. Statistical data at its best can be difficult to follow and interpret. The new format is intended to be appealing to the eye and easier to use.

Finally, more detail has been added. As an example, the statewide wage and salary segment has been expanded. Previously, we published only major industry divisions such as manufacturing and retail trade, but you will notice additional breakouts under the major headings in this new publication.

A second area of expansion is in the county labor force table. The previous publication included only information on the current month. Many telephone calls were received requesting data for the previous month or the current month one year ago so comparisons could be made. These columns have now been added and will be included each month for your convenience.

Two additional pages are included in this first publication. They include annual averages for most of the components for 1984 based on new bench marks. Estimates for 1983 were also revised. If you maintain a historic file, you may obtain revised data by writing to the Research Section of Job Service North Dakota at the address listed on the back page.

We encourage your comments and suggestions regarding this new format. They should be directed to the Research and Statistics Section at the address listed on the back page.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month February 1985	Previous Month January 1985	One Year Ago February 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago January 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago February 1984
TOTAL	249,410	249,340	245,790	-0-	1.5
MINING	7,370	7,400	7,000	-0.4	5.3
Coal	1,360	1,370	1,270	-0.7	7.1
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,780	5,800	5,520	-0.3	4.7
Other Mining	230	230	210	-0-	9.5
CONSTRUCTION	10,780	11,130	11,660	-3.1	-7.5
Building Construction	2,810	3,050	2,680	-7.9	4.9
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	2,670	2,660	3,520	0.4	-24.1
Special Trade Construction	5,300	5,420	5,460	-2.2	-2.9
MANUFACTURING	15,370	15,270	15,190	0.7	1.2
Durable Goods	6,010	5,920	6,120	1.5	-1.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass	430	450	480	-4.4	-10.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	690	710	640	-2.8	7.8
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,890	3,750	3,990	3.7	-2.5
Other Durable Goods	1,000	1,010	1,010	-1.0	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	9,360	9,350	9,070	0.1	3.2
Food & Kindred Products	4,810	4,810	4,630	-0-	3.9
Dairy Products	920	900	840	2.2	9.5
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,820	1,840	1,710	-1.1	6.4
Bakery Products	440	440	430	-0-	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,630	1,630	1,650	-0-	-1.2
Printing & Publishing	2,450	2,450	2,350	-0-	4.3
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,090	2,090	0.5	0.5
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,440	16,330	15,940	0.7	3.1
Transportation	7,840	7,830	7,620	0.1	2.9
Trucking & Warehousing	4,200	4,190	4,060	0.2	3.4
Other Transportation	3,640	3,640	3,560	-0-	2.2
Communications	3,360	3,330	3,430	0.9	-2.0
Public Utilities	5,240	5,170	4,890	1.4	7.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month February 1985	Previous Month January 1985	One Year Ago February 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago January 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago February 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,090	20,170	19,880	-0.4	1.1
Durable Goods	10,010	10,010	9,890	-0-	1.2
Nondurable Goods	10,080	10,160	9,990	-0.8	0.9
RETAIL TRADE	46,390	47,090	44,680	-1.5	3.8
General Merchandise	5,840	6,250	5,570	-6.6	4.8
Food Stores	6,250	6,280	6,170	-0.5	1.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,670	6,690	6,370	-0.3	4.7
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,820	2,930	2,760	-3.8	2.2
Other Retail	24,810	24,940	23,810	-0.5	4.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,320	12,310	11,960	0.1	3.0
Finance	6,830	6,820	6,650	0.1	2.7
Banking	4,320	4,330	4,310	-0.2	0.2
Other Finance	2,510	2,490	2,340	0.8	7.3
Insurance	3,680	3,680	3,580	-0-	2.8
Real Estate	1,810	1,810	1,730	-0-	4.6
SERVICES	57,410	57,320	56,600	0.2	1.4
Lodging	4,360	4,360	4,590	-0-	-5.0
Nursing & Personal Care	5,870	5,890	5,680	-0.3	3.3
Hospitals	12,880	12,850	13,390	0.2	-3.8
Other Medical	6,190	6,220	5,790	-0.5	6.9
Other Services	28,110	28,000	27,150	0.4	3.5
GOVERNMENT	63,240	62,320	62,880	1.5	0.6
Federal	9,150	9,120	9,170	0.3	-0.2
State Government	19,260	18,780	19,150	2.6	0.6
Educational Services	12,480	12,020	12,840	3.8	-2.8
Other State Government	6,780	6,760	6,310	0.3	7.4
Local Government	34,830	34,420	34,560	1.2	0.8
Educational Services	17,590	17,190	17,550	2.3	0.2
Other Local Government	17,240	17,230	17,010	0.1	1.4

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month February 1985	Previous Month January 1985	One Year Ago February 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago January 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago February 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,210	66,030	63,870	0.3	3.7
Mining & Construction	2,510	2,570	2,220	-2.3	13.1
Manufacturing	4,880	4,860	4,630	0.4	5.4
Durable Goods	2,020	1,960	1,940	3.1	4.1
Nondurable Goods	2,860	2,900	2,690	-1.4	6.3
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,810	3,820	3,830	-0.3	-0.5
Trade	19,660	19,770	18,480	-0.6	6.4
Wholesale Trade	6,650	6,690	6,380	-0.6	4.2
Retail Trade	13,010	13,080	12,100	-0.5	7.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,300	4,290	4,030	0.2	6.7
Services	17,140	17,210	16,720	-0.4	2.5
Government	13,910	13,510	13,960	3.0	-0.4
Federal	2,050	2,030	1,990	1.0	3.0
State & Local	11,860	11,480	11,970	3.3	-0.9
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,620	27,050	26,570	2.1	4.0
Mining & Construction	930	950	850	-2.1	9.4
Manufacturing	1,320	1,310	1,220	0.8	8.2
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,490	1,460	1,510	2.1	-1.3
Trade	8,100	8,020	7,400	1.0	9.5
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,370	1,330	-0.7	2.3
Retail Trade	6,740	6,650	6,070	1.4	11.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,050	1,050	1,030	-0-	1.9
Services	5,840	5,810	5,840	0.5	-0-
Government	8,890	8,450	8,720	5.2	1.9
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,310	35,510	34,630	-0.6	2.0
Mining	200	200	190	-0-	5.3
Construction	1,220	1,320	1,470	-7.6	-17.0
Manufacturing	1,840	1,880	1,890	-2.1	-2.6
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,780	2,780	2,770	-0-	0.4
Trade	9,260	9,470	9,470	-2.2	-2.2
Wholesale Trade	2,530	2,560	2,480	-1.2	2.0
Retail Trade	6,730	6,910	6,990	-2.6	-3.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,630	1,630	1,630	-0-	-0-
Services	10,170	10,120	9,700	0.5	4.8
Government	8,210	8,110	7,510	1.2	9.3

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month February 1985	Previous Month January 1985	One Year Ago February 1984	Percent Change From January 1985	Percent Change From February 1984
All Items	311.1	317.4	316.1	306.6	0.4	3.5
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.4	299.3	294.2	0.7	2.4
Housing	336.5	343.6	342.0	331.0	0.5	3.8
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	201.8	199.8	196.2	1.0	2.9
Transportation	311.7	314.3	314.7	305.8	-0.1	2.8
Medical Care	379.5	393.8	391.1	373.2	0.7	5.5
Entertainment	255.1	261.3	261.0	251.5	0.1	3.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month February 1985	Previous Month January 1985	One Year Ago February 1984	Percent Change From January 1985	Percent Change From February 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.2	309.8	308.9	-0.2	0.1
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	257.8	258.0	263.4	-0.1	-2.1
Industrial Commodities	322.6	322.5	323.2	320.6	-0.2	0.6

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	373.97	379.63	368.74	39.7	40.3	40.7	9.42	9.42	9.06
Durable Goods	402.79	409.77	398.68	40.4	41.1	41.4	9.97	9.97	9.63
Nondurable Goods	332.82	337.12	326.30	38.7	39.2	39.6	8.60	8.60	8.24
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	307.58	307.23	299.92	38.4	38.5	38.6	8.01	7.98	7.77
Durable Goods	340.69	330.46	324.62	39.8	39.2	39.3	8.56	8.43	8.26
Nondurable Goods	287.63	294.13	284.97	37.5	38.1	38.2	7.67	7.72	7.46
Food & Kindred	300.66	312.78	305 60	39.2	40.1	40.0	7.67	7.80	7.64
Printing & Publishing	261.88	261.47	247.54	32.9	32.4	32.4	7.96	8.07	7.64
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	304.29	311.81	309.38	37.8	38.4	37.5	8.05	8.12	8.25
Durable Goods	307.23	305.69	314.00	38.5	37.6	38.2	7.98	8.13	8.22
Nondurable Goods	302.94	315.48	305.62	37.4	38.9	37.0	8.10	8.11	8.26

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Divide	1,459	1,404	1,397	1,388	1,344	1,338	71	60	59	4.9	4.3	4.2
McKenzie	3,969	3,937	3,593	3,758	3,744	3,415	211	193	178	5.3	4.9	5.0
Williams	14,464	14,525	13,434	13,596	13,654	12,733	868	871	701	6.0	6.0	5.2
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,892	19,866	18,424	18,742	18,742	17,486	1,150	1,124	938	5.8	5.7	5.1
Bottineau	3,938	3,854	3,677	3,585	3,464	3,437	353	390	240	9.0	10.1	6.5
Burke	1,870	1,764	1,781	1,754	1,670	1,658	116	94	123	6.2	5.3	6.9
McHenry	3,174	3,017	2,982	2,588	2,493	2,565	586	524	417	18.5	17.4	14.0
Mountrail	3,352	3,234	3,286	3,056	2,926	2,979	296	308	307	8.8	9.5	9.3
Pierce	2,918	2,832	2,794	2,711	2,627	2,642	207	205	152	7.1	7.2	5.4
Renville	1,561	1,529	1,462	1,457	1,396	1,358	104	133	104	6.7	8.7	7.1
Ward	25,830	25,753	24,273	23,662	23,518	22,651	2,168	2,235	1,622	8.4	8.7	6.7
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,643	41,983	40,255	38,813	38,094	37,290	3,830	3,889	2,965	9.0	9.3	7.4
Benson	3,399	3,217	3,019	3,017	2,867	2,659	382	350	360	11.2	10.9	11.9
Cavalier	3,116	3,001	3,044	2,820	2,719	2,756	296	282	288	9.5	9.4	9.5
Eddy	1,752	1,672	1,628	1,502	1,464	1,422	250	208	206	14.3	12.4	12.7
Ramsey	6,810	6,663	6,379	6,271	6,157	5,961	539	506	418	7.9	7.6	6.6
Rolette	5,049	4,979	4,803	4,209	4,159	4,146	840	820	657	16.6	16.5	13.7
Towner	1,998	1,946	1,915	1,865	1,817	1,837	133	129	78	6.7	6.6	4.1
REGION 3 TOTAL	22,124	21,478	20,788	19,684	19,183	18,781	2,440	2,295	2,007	11.0	10.7	9.7
Grand Forks	29,370	28,513	27,754	27,933	26,954	26,392	1,437	1,559	1,362	4.9	5.5	4.9
Nelson	2,525	2,454	2,447	2,247	2,169	2,199	278	285	248	11.0	11.6	10.1
Pembina	5,462	5,358	5,385	4,933	4,800	4,869	529	558	516	9.7	10.4	9.6
Walsh	8,128	7,889	7,707	7,575	7,372	7,205	553	517	502	6.8	6.6	6.5
REGION 4 TOTAL	45,485	44,214	43,293	42,688	41,295	40,665	2,797	2,919	2,628	6.1	6.6	6.1
Cass	47,977	47,136	45,170	45,837	44,971	43,451	2,140	2,165	1,719	4.5	4.6	3.8
Ransom	2,659	2,578	2,674	2,517	2,433	2,549	142	145	125	5.3	5.6	4.7
Richland	8,907	8,638	8,352	8,416	8,091	8,000	491	547	352	5.5	6.3	4.2
Sargent	2,410	2,392	2,330	2,281	2,226	2,180	129	166	150	5.4	6.9	6.4
Steele	1,204	1,178	1,192	1,128	1,098	1,118	76	80	74	6.3	6.8	6.2
Traill	4,459	4,352	4,261	4,292	4,187	4,163	167	165	98	3.7	3.8	2.3
REGION 5 TOTAL	67,616	66,274	63,979	64,471	63,006	61,461	3,145	3,268	2,518	4.7	4.9	3.9

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Barnes	5,968	5,801	5,801	5,377	5,257	5,342	591	544	459	9.9	9.4	7.9
Dickey	3,261	3,187	3,158	3,087	3,025	3,009	174	162	149	5.3	5.1	4.7
Foster	2,086	2,035	2,012	1,923	1,876	1,874	163	159	138	7.8	7.8	6.9
Griggs	1,545	1,473	1,503	1,423	1,374	1,412	122	99	91	7.9	6.7	6.1
La Moure	2,423	2,309	2,321	2,237	2,155	2,181	186	154	140	7.7	6.7	6.0
Logan	1,343	1,284	1,275	1,250	1,198	1,199	93	86	76	6.9	6.7	6.0
McIntosh	2,179	2,084	2,201	2,087	2,026	2,099	92	58	102	4.2	2.8	4.6
Stutsman	11,570	11,267	11,246	10,636	10,371	10,464	934	896	782	8.1	8.0	7.0
Wells	3,299	3,190	3,139	2,953	2,883	2,821	346	307	318	10.5	9.6	10.1
REGION 6 TOTAL	33,674	32,630	32,656	30,973	30,165	30,401	2,701	2,465	2,255	8.0	7.6	6.9
Burleigh	28,897	28,714	27,307	26,571	26,470	25,434	2,326	2,244	1,873	8.0	7.8	6.9
Emmons	2,241	2,111	2,210	1,991	1,880	1,936	250	231	274	11.2	10.9	12.4
Grant	1,492	1,420	1,488	1,411	1,338	1,362	81	82	126	5.4	5.8	8.5
Kidder	1,375	1,318	1,370	1,178	1,125	1,174	197	193	196	14.3	14.6	14.3
McLean	5,289	5,158	5,106	4,625	4,502	4,497	664	656	609	12.6	12.7	11.9
Mercer	6,459	6,405	9,246	5,678	5,615	8,601	781	790	645	12.1	12.3	7.0
Morton	13,357	13,265	12,730	12,102	12,056	11,584	1,255	1,209	1,146	9.4	9.1	9.0
Oliver	1,001	977	961	899	882	872	102	95	89	10.2	9.7	9.3
Sheridan	1,024	951	993	923	861	942	101	90	51	9.9	9.5	5.1
Sioux	1,231	1,183	1,218	1,105	1,066	1,108	126	117	110	10.2	9.9	9.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	62,366	61,502	62,629	56,483	55,795	57,510	5,883	5,707	5,119	9.4	9.3	8.2
Adams	1,893	1,873	1,802	1,830	1,810	1,763	63	63	39	3.3	3.4	2.2
Billings	726	688	730	699	671	707	27	17	23	3.7	2.5	3.2
Bowman	2,073	2,025	2,019	1,966	1,943	1,936	107	82	83	5.2	4.0	4.1
Dunn	1,871	1,756	1,898	1,637	1,588	1,694	234	168	204	12.5	9.6	10.7
Golden Valley	1,180	1,129	1,150	1,105	1,034	1,077	75	95	73	6.4	8.4	6.3
Hettinger	1,727	1,670	1,721	1,606	1,555	1,606	121	115	115	7.0	6.9	6.7
Slope	543	505	465	503	472	428	40	33	37	7.4	6.5	8.0
Stark	12,233	12,023	11,908	11,074	10,897	10,965	1,159	1,126	943	9.5	9.4	7.9
REGION 8 TOTAL	22,246	21,669	21,693	20,420	19,970	20,176	1,826	1,699	1,517	8.2	7.8	7.0
STATE TOTAL	316,046	309,616	303,717	292,274	286,250	283,770	23,772	23,366	19,947	7.5	7.5	6.6

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month February 1985	Previous Month January 1985	One Year Ago February 1984	Percent Change From January 1985	Percent Change From February 1984
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	116,787	116,572	114,408	0.2	2.1
Employment	108,388	108,088	105,572	0.3	2.7
Unemployment	8,399	8,484	8,836	-1.0	-4.9
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.3%	7.7%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	316,040	309,620	303,720	2.1	4.1
Employment	292,270	286,250	283,770	2.1	3.0
Unemployment	23,770	23,370	19,950	1.7	19.1
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.5%	6.6%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	76,410	75,660	73,200	1.0	4.4
Employment	72,490	71,470	69,420	1.4	4.4
Unemployment	3,920	4,190	3,780	-6.4	3.7
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	29,370	28,510	27,750	3.0	5.8
Employment	27,930	26,950	26,390	3.6	5.8
Unemployment	1,440	1,560	1,360	-7.7	5.9
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.5%	4.9%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,250	41,980	40,040	0.6	5.5
Employment	38,670	38,530	37,020	0.4	4.5
Unemployment	3,580	3,450	3,020	3.8	18.5
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.2%	7.5%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
PREVIOUS MONTH
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	309.6	332.2	2,192.9	396.6
Employment	286.2	312.7	2,028.3	360.7
Unemployment	23.4	19.5	164.6	35.9
Unemployment Rate	7.5	5.9	7.5	9.1

1984
ANNUAL AVERAGES
NORTH DAKOTA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL	252,700
MINING	7,390
Coal	1,280
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,690
Other Mining	420
CONSTRUCTION	14,150
Building Construction	3,590
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	4,420
Special Trade Construction	6,140
MANUFACTURING	15,450
Durable Goods	6,470
Stone, Clay, & Glass	790
Primary & Fabricated Metals	710
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,930
Other Durable Goods	1,040
Nondurable Goods	8,980
Food & Kindred Products	4,390
Dairy Products	890
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,500
Bakery Products	440
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,560
Printing & Publishing	2,400
Other Nondurable Goods	2,190
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	16,430
Transportation	7,930
Trucking & Warehousing	4,320
Other Transportation	3,610
Communications	3,430
Public Utilities	5,070
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,580
Durable Goods	10,270
Nondurable Goods	10,310
RETAIL TRADE	47,110
General Merchandise	5,940
Food Stores	6,320
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	6,600
Apparel and Accessory Stores	2,880
Other Retail	25,370
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	12,190
Finance	6,740
Banking	4,340
Other Finance	2,400
Insurance	3,620
Real Estate	1,830
SERVICES	57,460
Lodging	4,630
Nursing and Personal Care	5,840
Hospitals	13,200
Other Medical	6,010
Other Services	27,780
GOVERNMENT	61,940
Federal	9,230
State Government	18,540
Educational Service	11,890
Other State Government	6,650
Local Government	34,170
Educational Service	16,300
Other Local Government	17,870

1984
ANNUAL AVERAGES

LABOR FORCE

	NORTH DAKOTA	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Labor Force	328,000	75,800	29,150	42,540
Employment	311,000	72,750	27,950	39,740
Unemployment	17,000	3,050	1,200	2,800
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.0	4.1	6.6

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
NORTH DAKOTA MSA'S

	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Nonagricultural			
Wage and Salary Employment	65,300	27,170	35,630
Mining and Construction	3,190	1,270	-0-
Mining	-0-	-0-	210
Construction	-0-	-0-	1,820
Manufacturing	4,880	1,220	1,990
Durable Goods	2,100	-0-	-0-
Nondurable Goods	2,780	-0-	-0-
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	3,910	1,530	2,840
Trade	19,570	7,790	9,580
Wholesale Trade	6,690	1,380	2,540
Retail Trade	12,880	6,410	7,040
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4,110	1,050	1,670
Services	16,740	5,930	9,790
Government	12,900	8,380	7,730
Federal	1,990	-0-	-0-
State & Local	10,910	-0-	-0-

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
NORTH DAKOTA			
Manufacturing	301.82	38.4	7.86
Durable Goods	325.51	39.6	8.22
Nondurable Goods	285.00	37.5	7.60
Food and Kindred Products	306.15	39.0	7.85
Printing and Publishing	253.55	33.1	7.66
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
Manufacturing	309.38	37.5	8.25
Durable Goods	316.54	38.0	8.33
Nondurable Goods	304.67	37.2	8.19

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1984 Annual Averages

		Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1.	Divide	1,681	1,624	57	3.4
	McKenzie	3,980	3,843	137	3.4
	Williams	14,571	14,018	553	3.8
	REGION 1 TOTAL	20,232	19,485	747	3.7
2.	Bottineau	4,219	4,011	208	4.9
	Burke	2,014	1,914	100	5.0
	McHenry	3,396	3,032	364	10.7
	Mountrail	3,664	3,405	259	7.1
	Pierce	3,164	3,038	126	4.0
	Renville	1,626	1,550	76	4.7
	Ward	25,749	24,335	1,414	5.5
	REGION 2 TOTAL	43,832	41,285	2,547	5.8
3.	Benson	3,353	3,040	313	9.3
	Cavalier	3,531	3,343	188	5.3
	Eddy	1,800	1,658	142	7.9
	Ramsey	6,900	6,554	346	5.0
	Rolette	5,119	4,504	615	12.0
	Towner	2,264	2,196	68	3.0
	REGION 3 TOTAL	22,967	21,295	1,672	7.3
4.	Grand Forks	29,147	27,952	1,195	4.1
	Nelson	2,732	2,569	163	6.0
	Pembina	6,036	5,593	443	7.3
	Walsh	8,651	8,228	423	4.9
	REGION 4 TOTAL	46,566	44,342	2,224	4.8
5.	Cass	47,253	45,769	1,484	3.1
	Ransom	2,967	2,852	115	3.9
	Richland	9,378	9,031	347	3.7
	Sargent	2,660	2,542	118	4.4
	Steele	1,422	1,376	46	3.2
	Traill	4,852	4,689	163	3.4
	REGION 5 TOTAL	68,532	66,259	2,273	3.3

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1984 Annual Averages

		Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
6.	Barnes	6,211	5,870	341	5.5
	Dickey	3,556	3,448	108	3.0
	Foster	2,207	2,098	109	4.9
	Griggs	1,731	1,668	63	3.6
	La Moure	2,682	2,583	99	3.7
	Logan	1,558	1,502	56	3.6
	McIntosh	2,402	2,336	66	2.7
	Stutsman	12,107	11,494	613	5.1
	Wells	3,500	3,293	207	5.9
	REGION 6 TOTAL	35,954	34,292	1662	4.6
7.	Burleigh	29,101	27,307	1,794	6.2
	Emmons	2,530	2,328	202	8.0
	Grant	1,772	1,681	91	5.1
	Kidder	1,592	1,457	135	8.5
	McLean	5,702	5,159	543	9.5
	Mercer	8,389	7,760	629	7.5
	Morton	13,441	12,437	1,004	7.5
	Oliver	1,203	1,122	81	6.7
	Sheridan	1,219	1,175	44	3.6
	Sioux	1,350	1,240	110	8.1
	REGION 7 TOTAL	66,300	61,666	4,634	7.0
8.	Adams	2,056	2,008	48	2.3
	Billings	903	883	20	2.2
	Bowman	2,230	2,167	63	2.8
	Dunn	2,122	1,946	176	8.3
	Golden Valley	1,279	1,218	61	4.8
	Hettinger	1,911	1,828	83	4.3
	Slope	557	532	25	4.5
	Stark	12,559	11,795	764	6.1
	REGION 8 TOTAL	23,617	22,377	1,240	5.3
	STATE TOTAL	328,000	311,000	17,000	5.1

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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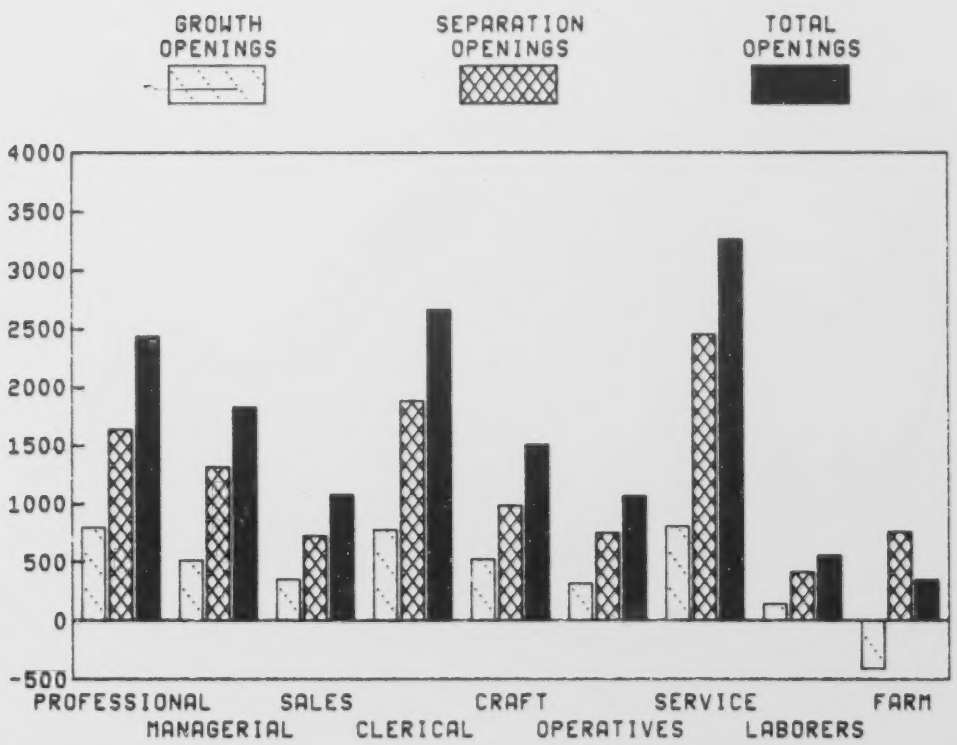

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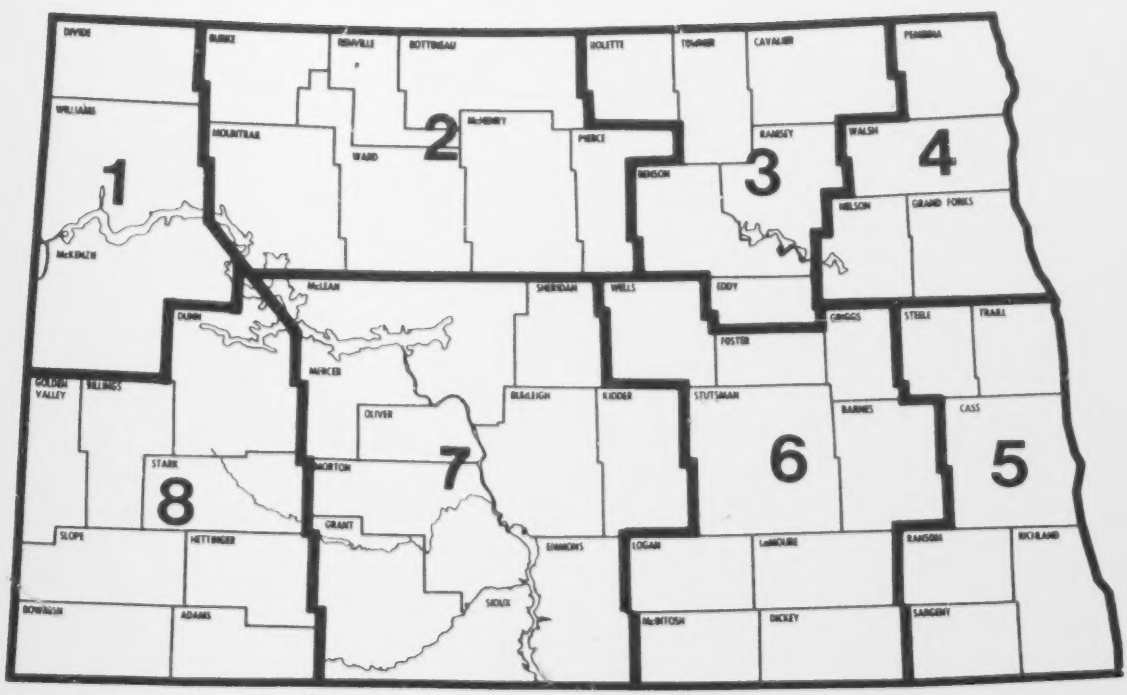

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

HIGH TECH--OCCUPATIONS FOR THE '80s?

With all the recent publicity about high technology, many North Dakotans would be led to believe that the majority of the state's future job openings will be in the new, fast-paced world of "high tech." Unfortunately, this does not appear to be the case. Data in the Revised Employment Projections to 1990, [1/] indicates that those high tech occupations will constitute only a small portion of the available jobs in North Dakota during the late 1980s.

A number of high tech occupations are expected to show phenomenal percentages of growth. Computer-related jobs, for example, including systems analysts, computer programmers, computer and peripheral equipment operators, and computer service technicians, are expected to grow anywhere from three to six times faster than the average. Most engineering and engineering technician occupations should also show large percentage increases.

However, the number of job openings in these and other high tech occupations are quite small in comparison with many of the clerical and service-related occupations. The top five occupations in terms of average annual job openings generated from 1982 to 1990 are janitor and cleaners, secretaries, sales clerks, store managers, and waiters/waitresses. In fact, none of the 29 occupations expected to generate at least 100 job openings per year would be considered high tech.

Large classes of workers such as food service, health care service, office clerical, and cleaning service workers, despite increasing at percentage levels just above the average rate, will generate large numbers of job openings due to their sheer size and high turnover rates. The 1990 projections data indicate that food service workers alone are estimated to have far more annual job openings than all the high tech occupations combined.

This is not to say that all of the occupations will be totally immune from high tech. No doubt the job duties of some occupations will be altered by technological changes. Certain clerical workers, for instance, may be expected to use microcomputers for word processing, inventory control, mailing lists, etc. However, for the most part, the occupations with the largest projected numerical growth should be of the same character and skill level we have today.

Remember, the 1990 occupational projections are just that--projections--estimates of anticipated occupational trends. Still, they seem to indicate that although the new generation high tech occupations have been attracting a lot of attention due to their rapid expansion, they will remain in the minority for the rest of the 1980s.

Copies of the Revised Employment Projections to 1990 may be obtained by writing the Research and Statistics Section at the address listed on the back page or calling toll-free 1-800-732-9787 in North Dakota. Individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan area or from out of state should dial (701) 224-3047.

1/ The Revised Employment Projections to 1990 is an update of the Employment Projections to 1990 published in 1983. The revised "projections," which have a 1982 base year and reflect more recent labor market conditions, are scheduled to be published in late May.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month March 1985	Previous Month February 1985	One Year Ago March 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago February 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago March 1984
TOTAL	249,750	249,480	246,550	0.1	1.3
MINING	7,230	7,370	6,810	-1.9	6.2
Coal	1,370	1,360	1,280	0.7	7.0
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,640	5,780	5,320	-2.4	6.0
Other Mining	220	230	210	-4.3	4.8
CONSTRUCTION	10,580	10,770	11,200	-1.8	-5.5
Building Construction	2,730	2,800	2,510	-2.5	8.8
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	2,590	2,670	3,400	-3.0	-23.8
Special Trade Construction	5,260	5,300	5,290	-0.8	-0.6
MANUFACTURING	14,920	15,530	15,240	-3.9	-2.1
Durable Goods	6,100	6,070	6,270	0.5	-2.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass	450	430	510	4.7	-11.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	680	690	630	-1.4	7.9
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,990	3,950	4,110	1.0	-2.9
Other Durable Goods	980	1,000	1,020	-2.0	-3.9
Nondurable Goods	8,820	9,460	8,970	-6.8	-1.7
Food & Kindred Products	4,260	4,910	4,460	-13.2	-4.5
Dairy Products	900	920	860	-2.2	4.7
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,340	1,860	1,570	-28.0	-14.6
Bakery Products	440	440	430	-0-	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,580	1,690	1,600	-6.5	-1.2
Printing & Publishing	2,470	2,450	2,370	0.8	4.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2,090	2,100	2,140	-0.5	-2.3
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,360	16,400	16,050	-0.2	1.9
Transportation	7,760	7,800	7,660	-0.5	1.3
Trucking & Warehousing	4,160	4,200	4,080	-1.0	2.0
Other Transportation	3,600	3,600	3,580	-0-	0.6
Communications	3,370	3,360	3,450	0.3	-2.3
Public Utilities	5,230	5,240	4,940	-0.2	5.9

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month March 1985	Previous Month February 1985	One Year Ago March 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago February 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago March 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,270	20,090	20,080	0.9	0.9
Durable Goods	10,110	10,010	10,020	1.0	0.9
Nondurable Goods	10,160	10,080	10,060	0.8	1.0
RETAIL TRADE	47,030	46,380	45,390	1.4	3.6
General Merchandise	5,840	5,830	5,570	0.2	4.8
Food Stores	6,250	6,250	6,180	-0-	1.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,710	6,670	6,440	0.6	4.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,820	2,820	2,770	-0-	1.8
Other Retail	25,410	24,810	24,430	2.4	4.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,380	12,320	12,050	0.5	2.7
Finance	6,850	6,830	6,710	0.3	2.1
Banking	4,330	4,320	4,330	0.2	-0-
Other Finance	2,520	2,510	2,380	0.4	5.9
Insurance	3,700	3,680	3,600	0.5	2.8
Real Estate	1,830	1,810	1,740	1.1	5.2
SERVICES	57,620	57,380	57,010	0.4	1.1
Lodging	4,320	4,350	4,670	-0.7	-7.5
Nursing & Personal Care	5,880	5,870	5,720	0.2	2.8
Hospitals	12,840	12,880	13,380	-0.3	-4.0
Other Medical	6,270	6,190	5,860	1.3	7.0
Other Services	28,310	28,090	27,380	0.8	3.4
GOVERNMENT	63,360	63,240	62,720	0.2	1.0
Federal	9,130	9,150	9,130	-0.2	-0-
State Government	19,360	19,260	19,090	0.5	1.4
Educational Services	12,540	12,480	12,770	0.5	-1.8
Other State Government	6,820	6,780	6,320	0.6	7.9
Local Government	34,870	34,830	34,500	0.1	1.1
Educational Services	17,710	17,590	17,630	0.7	0.5
Other Local Government	17,160	17,240	16,870	-0.5	1.7

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month March 1985	Previous Month February 1985	One Year Ago March 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago February 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago March 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	65,890	65,930	63,750	-0.1	3.4
Mining & Construction	2,520	2,510	2,260	0.4	11.5
Manufacturing	4,830	4,850	4,720	-0.4	2.3
Durable Goods	2,040	2,020	2,010	1.0	1.5
Nondurable Goods	2,790	2,830	2,710	-1.4	3.0
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,800	3,810	3,720	-0.3	2.2
Trade	19,840	19,660	18,670	0.9	6.3
Wholesale Trade	6,690	6,650	6,440	0.6	3.9
Retail Trade	13,150	13,010	12,230	1.1	7.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,330	4,310	4,050	0.5	6.9
Services	17,230	17,140	16,840	0.5	2.3
Government	13,340	13,650	13,490	-2.3	-1.1
Federal	2,050	2,050	1,970	-0-	4.1
State & Local	11,290	11,600	11,520	-2.7	-2.0
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,870	27,600	26,710	1.0	4.3
Mining & Construction	900	930	830	-3.2	8.4
Manufacturing	1,340	1,320	1,260	1.5	6.3
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,470	1,480	1,510	-0.7	-2.6
Trade	8,230	8,100	7,410	1.6	11.1
Wholesale Trade	1,370	1,360	1,340	0.7	2.2
Retail Trade	6,860	6,740	6,070	1.8	13.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,080	1,050	1,050	2.9	2.9
Services	5,840	5,830	5,860	0.2	-0.3
Government	9,010	8,890	8,790	1.3	2.5
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,530	35,290	34,870	0.7	1.9
Mining	210	200	190	5.0	10.5
Construction	1,230	1,220	1,380	0.8	-10.9
Manufacturing	1,830	1,830	1,890	-0-	-3.2
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,810	2,780	2,790	1.1	0.7
Trade	9,420	9,250	9,460	1.8	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2,560	2,530	2,500	1.2	2.4
Retail Trade	6,860	6,720	6,960	2.1	-1.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,650	1,630	1,640	1.2	0.6
Services	10,140	10,170	9,820	-0.3	3.3
Government	8,240	8,210	7,700	0.4	7.0

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month March 1985	Previous Month February 1985	One Year Ago March 1984	Percent Change From February 1985	Percent Change From March 1984
All Items	311.1	318.8	317.4	307.3	0.4	3.7
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.6	301.4	294.3	0.1	2.5
Housing	336.5	344.7	343.6	331.5	0.3	4.0
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	205.3	201.8	198.8	1.7	3.3
Transportation	311.7	316.7	314.3	306.9	0.8	3.2
Medical Care	379.5	396.5	393.8	374.5	0.7	5.9
Entertainment	255.1	262.2	261.3	251.7	0.3	4.2

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month March 1985	Previous Month February 1985	One Year Ago March 1984	Percent Change From February 1985	Percent Change From March 1984
All Commodities	310.3	308.7	309.2	311.0	-0.2	-0.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	255.0	257.8	267.9	-1.1	-4.8
Industrial Commodities	322.6	322.6	322.5	321.9	-0-	0.2

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	380.43	373.97	369.96	40.3	39.7	40.7	9.44	9.42	9.09
Durable Goods	410.59	401.79	399.92	41.1	40.3	41.4	9.99	9.97	9.66
Nondurable Goods	338.77	334.07	327.49	39.3	38.8	39.6	8.62	8.61	8.27
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	305.49	307.51	290.12	37.3	38.2	37.1	8.19	8.05	7.82
Durable Goods	337.33	341.15	324.66	39.5	39.9	39.4	8.54	8.55	8.24
Nondurable Goods	283.89	287.93	266.96	35.8	37.2	35.5	7.93	7.74	7.52
Food & Kindred	288.55	299.54	271.87	35.8	38.6	34.9	8.06	7.76	7.79
Printing & Publishing	263.07	264.22	254.51	32.2	32.7	33.4	8.17	8.08	7.62
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	306.16	308.89	296.21	37.2	37.9	36.3	8.23	8.15	8.16
Durable Goods	306.36	307.23	317.95	38.2	38.5	38.4	8.02	7.98	8.28
Nondurable Goods	306.34	310.58	280.49	36.6	37.6	34.8	8.37	8.26	8.06

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Divide	1,587	1,464	1,544	1,525	1,390	1,467	62	74	77	3.9	5.1	5.0
McKenzie	4,190	3,917	3,832	3,977	3,708	3,662	213	209	170	5.1	5.3	4.4
Williams	14,554	14,216	13,730	13,642	13,359	12,985	912	857	745	6.3	6.0	5.4
REGION 1 TOTAL	20,331	19,597	19,106	19,144	18,457	18,114	1,187	1,140	992	5.8	5.8	5.2
Bottineau	4,262	3,931	3,993	3,881	3,574	3,723	381	357	270	8.9	9.1	6.8
Burke	2,056	1,877	1,931	1,906	1,760	1,791	150	117	140	7.3	6.2	7.3
McHenry	3,490	3,195	3,310	2,824	2,601	2,770	666	594	540	19.1	18.6	16.3
Mountrail	3,593	3,349	3,483	3,248	3,053	3,159	345	296	324	9.6	8.8	9.3
Pierce	3,119	2,911	2,985	2,903	2,703	2,826	216	208	159	6.9	7.1	5.3
Renville	1,671	1,562	1,563	1,580	1,458	1,472	91	104	91	5.4	6.7	5.8
Ward	25,995	25,480	24,874	23,879	23,325	23,167	2,116	2,155	1,707	8.1	8.5	6.9
REGION 2 TOTAL	44,186	42,305	42,139	40,221	38,474	38,908	3,965	3,831	3,231	9.0	9.1	7.7
Benson	3,603	3,399	3,228	3,209	3,014	2,842	394	385	386	10.9	11.3	12.0
Cavalier	3,517	3,135	3,318	3,139	2,834	3,039	378	301	279	10.7	9.6	8.4
Eddy	1,898	1,759	1,759	1,640	1,504	1,548	258	255	211	13.6	14.5	12.0
Ramsey	7,005	6,738	6,648	6,474	6,202	6,206	531	536	442	7.6	8.0	6.6
Rolette	5,166	5,013	4,992	4,354	4,172	4,322	812	841	670	15.7	16.8	13.4
Towner	2,192	1,999	2,104	2,063	1,867	2,022	129	132	82	5.9	6.6	3.9
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,381	22,043	22,049	20,879	19,593	19,979	2,502	2,450	2,070	10.7	11.1	9.4
Grand Forks	31,360	30,191	28,409	29,605	28,766	26,967	1,755	1,425	1,442	5.6	4.7	5.1
Nelson	2,735	2,532	2,611	2,443	2,252	2,374	292	280	237	10.7	11.1	9.1
Pembina	5,862	5,450	5,763	5,256	4,915	5,187	606	535	576	10.3	9.8	10.0
Walsh	8,579	8,082	8,257	8,049	7,527	7,690	530	555	567	6.2	6.9	6.9
REGION 4 TOTAL	48,536	46,255	45,040	45,353	43,460	42,218	3,183	2,795	2,822	6.6	6.0	6.3
Cass	49,896	49,190	45,717	47,837	47,070	43,979	2,059	2,120	1,738	4.1	4.3	3.8
Ransom	2,847	2,655	2,843	2,669	2,512	2,697	178	143	146	6.3	5.4	5.1
Richland	9,231	8,833	8,703	8,624	8,342	8,254	607	491	449	6.6	5.6	5.2
Sargent	2,642	2,403	2,519	2,477	2,272	2,368	165	131	151	6.2	5.5	6.0
Steele	1,365	1,218	1,341	1,272	1,139	1,258	93	79	83	6.8	6.5	6.2
Traill	4,772	4,438	4,568	4,521	4,271	4,390	251	167	178	5.3	3.8	3.9
REGION 5 TOTAL	70,753	68,737	65,691	67,400	65,606	62,946	3,353	3,131	2,745	4.7	4.6	4.2

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Barnes	6,426	5,958	6,212	5,843	5,356	5,808	583	602	404	9.1	10.1	6.5
Dickey	3,433	3,254	3,322	3,274	3,078	3,188	159	176	134	4.6	5.4	4.0
Foster	2,179	2,076	2,129	2,028	1,913	1,983	151	163	146	6.9	7.9	6.9
Griggs	1,676	1,552	1,621	1,551	1,429	1,524	125	123	97	7.5	7.9	6.0
La Moure	2,668	2,430	2,523	2,460	2,242	2,383	208	188	140	7.8	7.7	5.5
Logan	1,525	1,353	1,435	1,413	1,259	1,341	112	94	94	7.3	6.9	6.6
McIntosh	2,330	2,186	2,354	2,258	2,093	2,251	72	93	103	3.1	4.3	4.4
Stutsman	11,829	11,430	11,668	10,910	10,497	10,844	919	933	824	7.8	8.2	7.1
Wells	3,559	3,309	3,358	3,207	2,957	3,054	352	352	304	9.9	10.6	9.1
REGION 6 TOTAL	35,625	33,548	34,622	32,944	30,824	32,376	2,681	2,724	2,246	7.5	8.1	6.5
Burleigh	29,317	28,383	28,232	26,980	26,077	26,264	2,337	2,306	1,968	8.0	8.1	7.0
Emmons	2,463	2,256	2,428	2,214	1,998	2,138	249	258	290	10.1	11.4	11.9
Grant	1,733	1,504	1,666	1,620	1,421	1,548	113	83	118	6.5	5.5	7.1
Kidder	1,579	1,385	1,506	1,337	1,189	1,313	242	196	193	15.3	14.2	12.8
McLean	5,638	5,280	5,469	4,944	4,610	4,809	694	670	660	12.3	12.7	12.1
Mercer	6,387	6,344	9,136	5,586	5,573	8,513	801	771	623	12.5	12.2	6.8
Morton	13,544	13,122	13,161	12,288	11,877	11,962	1,256	1,245	1,199	9.3	9.5	9.1
Oliver	1,116	999	1,083	1,008	896	980	108	103	103	9.7	10.3	9.5
Sheridan	1,165	1,040	1,130	1,078	938	1,077	87	102	53	7.5	9.8	4.7
Sioux	1,265	1,235	1,266	1,159	1,108	1,156	106	127	110	8.4	10.3	8.7
REGION 7 TOTAL	64,207	61,548	65,077	58,214	55,687	59,760	5,993	5,861	5,317	9.3	9.5	8.2
Adams	2,018	1,895	1,927	1,959	1,832	1,878	59	63	49	2.9	3.3	2.5
Billings	688	721	688	659	695	662	29	26	26	4.2	3.6	3.8
Bowman	2,191	2,059	2,130	2,073	1,954	2,047	118	105	83	5.4	5.1	3.9
Dunn	2,027	1,883	2,053	1,792	1,644	1,829	235	239	224	11.6	12.7	10.9
Golden Valley	1,249	1,179	1,217	1,186	1,103	1,153	63	76	64	5.0	6.4	5.3
Hettinger	1,872	1,732	1,844	1,739	1,611	1,725	133	121	119	7.1	7.0	6.5
Slope	592	548	517	557	507	461	35	41	36	5.9	7.5	7.0
Stark	12,188	12,042	12,146	11,135	10,891	11,187	1,053	1,151	959	8.6	9.6	7.9
REGION 8 TOTAL	22,825	22,059	22,522	21,100	20,237	20,962	1,725	1,822	1,560	7.6	8.3	6.9
STATE TOTAL	329,844	316,092	316,246	305,255	292,338	295,263	24,589	23,754	20,983	7.5	7.5	6.6

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month March 1985	Previous Month February 1985	One Year Ago March 1984	Percent Change From February 1985	Percent Change From March 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,216	116,787	114,592	0.4	2.3
Employment	108,820	108,388	105,809	0.4	2.8
Unemployment	8,396	8,399	8,783	-0-	-4.4
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.2%	7.2%	7.7%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	329,850	316,090	316,240	4.4	4.3
Employment	305,260	292,340	295,260	4.4	3.4
Unemployment	24,590	23,750	20,980	3.5	17.2
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.5%	7.5%	6.6%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	78,360	77,530	73,920	1.1	6.0
Employment	74,550	73,630	70,050	1.2	6.4
Unemployment	3,810	3,900	3,870	-2.3	-1.6
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.9%	5.0%	5.2%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	31,370	30,200	28,410	3.9	10.4
Employment	29,610	28,770	26,970	2.9	9.8
Unemployment	1,760	1,430	1,440	23.1	22.2
Unemployment Rate 1/	5.6%	4.7%	5.1%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,860	41,500	41,400	3.3	3.5
Employment	39,270	37,950	38,230	3.5	2.7
Unemployment	3,590	3,550	3,170	1.1	13.2
Unemployment Rate 1/	8.4%	8.6%	7.7%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
PREVIOUS MONTH
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	316.1	334.1	2,196.0	398.4
Employment	292.3	313.7	2,043.2	365.4
Unemployment	23.8	20.4	152.8	33.0
Unemployment Rate	7.5	6.1	7.0	8.3

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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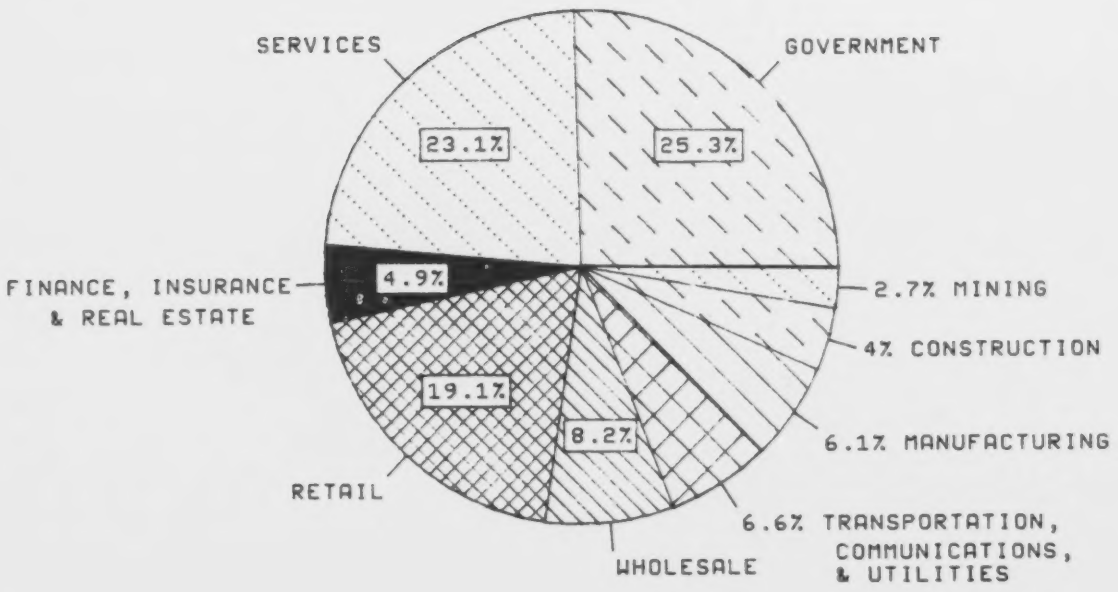

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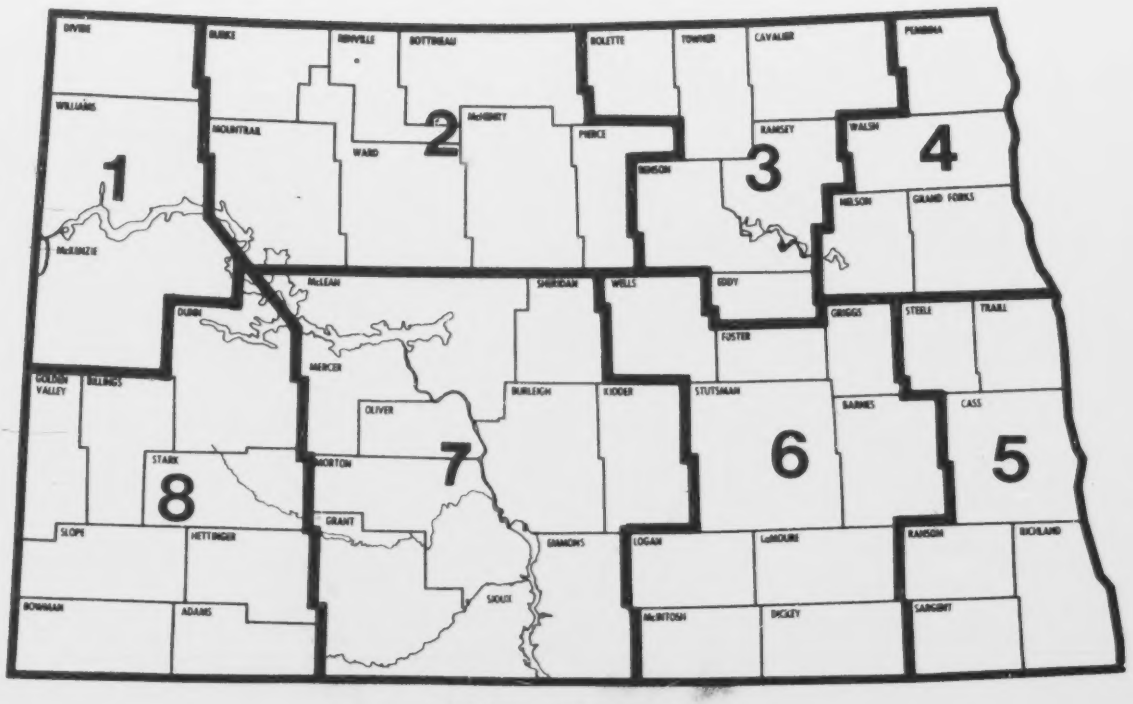

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Nonfarm wage and salary employment is one of North Dakota's most important economic indicators. Shifts in industry employment levels help gauge our state's economic health and provide insight into seasonal and cyclical business patterns.

Survey-based estimates of nonfarm employment appear as a series each month in this publication. This series, compiled by Job Service North Dakota in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, encompasses North Dakota and its three largest labor areas--the Grand Forks, Fargo-Moorhead, and Bismarck Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA).

The accuracy of the estimates requires maintaining a valid sample, which depends on employers to support the program. The basic concept in estimating is that the experience of the firms in the sample is indicative of all similar employers. In some areas, if the sample isn't adequate, historic trends are used to refine the estimates.

We have been most fortunate. Employers realize the value of accurate economic information and employer response to our program remains excellent. Approximately 12 percent (2,600) of the state's employers participate in the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program.

Each month these 2,600 sample employers, representing all sizes of business in a range of industries, provide information on employment, hours worked, and earnings. That information is reviewed and entered into a computer, which summarizes the survey results by industry. The summary is forwarded to the Bureau of Labor Statistics to develop national economic indicators.

From these surveys, we produce monthly employment estimates. Hours and earnings estimates are also produced for the manufacturing industry in North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead MSA itself.

Industrial level estimates are more detailed than those published in the Labor Market Advisor. If you're interested in a particular industrial sector not appearing here, it may be available through our office.

Estimates are just that. For this reason the estimates are revised annually based on actual employment levels. This procedure is referred to as "benchmarking" and will be the subject of a future article.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month April 1985	Previous Month March 1985	One Year Ago April 1984	Percent Change From: One Month Ago March 1985	Percent Change From: One Year Ago April 1984
TOTAL	250,540	247,910	250,030	1.1	0.2
MINING	6,830	6,910	6,730	-1.2	1.5
Coal	1,410	1,420	1,160	-0.7	21.6
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,100	5,270	5,250	-3.2	-2.9
Other Mining	320	220	320	45.5	-0-
CONSTRUCTION	9,920	9,430	12,310	5.2	-19.4
Building Construction	2,690	2,530	2,880	6.3	-6.6
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	2,370	2,140	3,870	10.7	-38.8
Special Trade Construction	4,860	4,760	5,560	2.1	-12.6
MANUFACTURING	15,220	14,920	15,320	2.0	-0.7
Durable Goods	6,340	6,100	6,540	3.9	-3.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass	650	450	700	44.4	-7.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	720	680	670	5.9	7.5
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,970	3,990	4,120	-0.5	-3.6
Other Durable Goods	1,000	980	1,050	2.0	-4.8
Nondurable Goods	8,880	8,820	8,780	0.7	1.1
Food & Kindred Products	4,270	4,260	4,150	0.2	2.9
Dairy Products	900	900	860	-0-	4.7
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,390	1,340	1,320	3.7	5.3
Bakery Products	440	440	430	-0-	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,540	1,580	1,540	-2.5	-0-
Printing & Publishing	2,460	2,460	2,370	-0-	3.8
Other Nondurable Goods	2,150	2,100	2,260	2.4	-4.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,480	16,370	16,180	0.7	1.9
Transportation	7,840	7,770	7,770	0.9	0.9
Trucking & Warehousing	4,190	4,160	4,160	0.7	0.7
Other Transportation	3,650	3,610	3,610	1.1	1.1
Communications	3,380	3,370	3,460	0.3	-2.3
Public Utilities	5,260	5,230	4,950	0.6	6.3

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month April 1985	Previous Month March 1985	One Year Ago April 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago March 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago April 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,460	20,160	20,550	1.5	-0.4
Durable Goods	10,070	9,990	10,150	0.8	-0.8
Nondurable Goods	10,390	10,170	10,400	2.2	-0.1
RETAIL TRADE	47,830	46,900	46,500	2.0	2.9
General Merchandise	5,780	5,730	5,700	0.9	1.4
Food Stores	6,290	6,250	6,240	0.6	0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,830	6,710	6,560	1.8	4.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,840	2,820	2,800	0.7	1.4
Other Retail	26,090	25,390	25,200	2.8	3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,390	12,080	0.1	2.6
Finance	6,850	6,850	6,720	-0-	1.9
Banking	4,320	4,330	4,330	-0.2	-0.2
Other Finance	2,530	2,520	2,390	0.4	5.9
Insurance	3,690	3,710	3,570	-0.5	3.4
Real Estate	1,860	1,830	1,790	1.6	3.9
SERVICES	57,960	57,470	57,460	0.9	0.9
Lodging	4,360	4,310	4,750	1.2	-8.2
Nursing & Personal Care	5,930	5,880	5,770	0.9	2.8
Hospitals	12,770	12,800	13,330	-0.2	-4.2
Other Medical	6,340	6,260	5,910	1.3	7.3
Other Services	28,560	28,220	27,700	1.2	3.1
GOVERNMENT	63,440	63,360	62,900	0.1	0.9
Federal	9,190	9,130	9,140	0.7	0.5
State Government	19,200	19,360	19,050	-0.8	0.8
Educational Services	12,260	12,540	12,580	-2.2	-2.5
Other State Government	6,940	6,820	6,470	1.8	7.3
Local Government	35,050	34,870	34,710	0.5	1.0
Educational Services	17,700	17,710	17,620	-0.1	0.5
Other Local Government	17,350	17,160	17,090	1.1	1.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month April 1985	Previous Month March 1985	One Year Ago April 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago March 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago April 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,920	65,970	64,860	1.4	3.2
Mining & Construction	2,700	2,510	2,520	7.6	7.1
Manufacturing	4,770	4,830	4,680	-1.2	1.9
Durable Goods	2,080	2,040	2,090	2.0	-0.5
Nondurable Goods	2,690	2,790	2,590	-3.6	3.9
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,840	3,790	3,810	1.3	0.8
Trade	20,400	19,840	19,310	2.8	5.6
Wholesale Trade	6,820	6,690	6,610	1.9	3.2
Retail Trade	13,580	13,150	12,700	3.3	6.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,330	4,340	4,030	-0.2	7.4
Services	17,550	17,230	17,010	1.9	3.2
Government	13,330	13,430	13,500	-0.7	-1.3
Federal	2,070	2,050	1,970	1.0	5.1
State & Local	11,260	11,380	11,530	-1.1	-2.3
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,940	27,700	27,000	0.9	3.5
Mining & Construction	1,010	900	930	12.2	8.6
Manufacturing	1,390	1,330	1,270	4.5	9.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,460	1,470	1,500	-0.7	-2.7
Trade	8,170	8,080	7,690	1.1	6.2
Wholesale Trade	1,370	1,370	1,360	-0-	0.7
Retail Trade	6,800	6,710	6,330	1.3	7.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,080	1,050	0.9	3.8
Services	5,940	5,840	5,950	1.7	-0.2
Government	8,880	9,000	8,610	-1.3	3.1
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,010	35,510	35,370	1.4	1.8
Mining	230	210	220	9.5	4.5
Construction	1,350	1,200	1,510	12.5	-10.6
Manufacturing	1,890	1,830	1,980	3.3	-4.5
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,860	2,820	2,820	1.4	1.4
Trade	9,510	9,420	9,560	1.0	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	2,580	2,560	2,540	0.8	1.6
Retail Trade	6,930	6,860	7,020	1.0	-1.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,670	1,650	1,660	1.2	0.6
Services	10,150	10,140	9,870	0.1	2.8
Government	8,350	8,240	7,750	1.3	7.7

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month April 1985	Previous Month March 1985	One Year Ago April 1984	Percent Change From March 1985	Percent Change From April 1984
All Items	311.1	320.1	318.8	308.8	0.4	3.7
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.6	301.6	294.5	-0-	2.4
Housing	336.5	345.9	344.7	333.2	0.3	3.8
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	205.9	205.3	199.2	0.3	3.4
Transportation	311.7	320.0	316.7	309.6	1.0	3.4
Medical Care	379.5	398.0	396.5	375.7	0.4	5.9
Entertainment	255.1	263.3	262.2	253.8	0.4	3.7

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month April 1985	Previous Month March 1985	One Year Ago April 1984	Percent Change From March 1985	Percent Change From April 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.3	308.7	311.3	0.2	-0.6
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	253.3	255.0	267.3	-0.7	-5.2
Industrial Commodities	322.6	323.8	322.6	322.6	0.4	0.4

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	380.15	380.97	372.60	40.1	40.4	40.9	9.48	9.43	9.11
Durable Goods	408.41	411.18	402.27	40.8	41.2	41.6	10.01	9.98	9.67
Nondurable Goods	338.52	338.37	329.94	39.0	39.3	39.8	8.68	8.61	8.29
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	312.73	306.75	298.76	38.8	37.5	38.5	8.06	8.18	7.76
Durable Goods	340.94	340.29	329.66	40.3	39.8	40.4	8.46	8.55	8.16
Nondurable Goods	292.93	283.61	276.02	37.7	35.9	37.0	7.77	7.90	7.46
Food & Kindred	304.94	288.19	298.72	39.5	35.8	39.1	7.72	8.05	7.64
Printing & Publishing	258.08	262.58	251.89	32.1	32.7	33.1	8.04	8.03	7.61
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	305.62	304.30	308.07	37.0	37.2	37.8	8.26	8.18	8.15
Durable Goods	309.99	306.36	318.67	38.7	38.2	39.1	8.01	8.02	8.15
Nondurable Goods	302.51	303.05	301.10	35.8	36.6	36.9	8.45	8.28	8.16

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Divide	1,742	1,580	1,670	1,670	1,518	1,611	72	62	59	4.1	3.9	3.5
McKenzie	3,944	4,162	3,956	3,765	3,948	3,810	179	214	146	4.5	5.1	3.7
Williams	14,624	14,448	14,116	13,793	13,533	13,457	831	915	659	5.7	6.3	4.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	20,310	20,190	19,742	19,228	18,999	18,878	1,082	1,191	864	5.3	5.9	4.4
Bottineau	4,412	4,242	4,245	4,052	3,859	4,007	360	383	238	8.2	9.0	5.6
Burke	2,161	2,045	2,060	2,005	1,896	1,964	156	149	96	7.2	7.3	4.7
McHenry	3,560	3,480	3,471	3,028	2,810	3,000	532	670	471	14.9	19.3	13.6
Mountrail	3,685	3,576	3,696	3,396	3,231	3,388	289	345	308	7.8	9.6	8.3
Pierce	3,210	3,102	3,162	3,014	2,884	3,013	196	218	149	6.1	7.0	4.7
Renville	1,692	1,663	1,632	1,583	1,572	1,560	109	91	72	6.4	5.5	4.4
Ward	26,005	25,823	25,479	24,046	23,702	23,986	1,959	2,121	1,493	7.5	8.2	5.9
REGION 2 TOTAL	44,725	43,931	43,745	41,124	39,954	40,918	3,601	3,977	2,827	8.1	9.1	6.5
Benson	3,577	3,589	3,369	3,204	3,193	3,022	373	396	347	10.4	11.0	10.3
Cavalier	3,745	3,505	3,544	3,416	3,124	3,317	329	381	227	8.8	10.9	6.4
Eddy	1,858	1,890	1,813	1,622	1,631	1,600	236	259	213	12.7	13.7	11.7
Ramsey	7,160	6,960	6,969	6,685	6,428	6,544	475	532	425	6.6	7.6	6.1
Rolette	5,190	5,145	5,171	4,471	4,327	4,492	719	818	679	13.9	15.9	13.1
Towner	2,256	2,181	2,219	2,161	2,052	2,142	95	129	77	4.2	5.9	3.5
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,786	23,270	23,085	21,559	20,755	21,117	2,227	2,515	1,968	9.4	10.8	8.5
Grand Forks	31,361	31,179	29,024	29,990	29,408	27,729	1,371	1,771	1,295	4.4	5.7	4.5
Nelson	2,898	2,723	2,802	2,660	2,430	2,597	238	293	205	8.2	10.8	7.3
Pembina	6,063	5,829	5,923	5,535	5,223	5,421	528	606	502	8.7	10.4	8.5
Walsh	8,945	8,534	8,674	8,446	7,999	8,193	499	535	481	5.6	6.3	5.5
REGION 4 TOTAL	49,267	48,265	46,423	46,631	45,060	43,940	2,636	3,205	2,483	5.4	6.6	5.3
Cass	51,140	49,937	47,005	49,219	47,862	45,459	1,921	2,075	1,546	3.8	4.2	3.3
Ransom	3,045	2,834	2,980	2,899	2,655	2,863	146	179	117	4.8	6.3	3.9
Richland	9,406	9,172	9,094	8,893	8,565	8,708	513	607	386	5.5	6.6	4.2
Sargent	2,812	2,628	2,674	2,671	2,462	2,516	141	166	158	5.0	6.3	5.9
Steele	1,445	1,358	1,419	1,370	1,265	1,354	75	93	65	5.2	6.8	4.6
Traill	4,883	4,745	4,742	4,633	4,493	4,538	250	252	204	5.1	5.3	4.3
REGION 5 TOTAL	72,731	70,674	67,914	69,685	67,302	65,438	3,046	3,372	2,476	4.2	4.8	3.6

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Barnes	6,386	6,392	6,258	5,905	5,806	5,858	481	586	400	7.5	9.2	6.4
Dickey	3,567	3,413	3,564	3,414	3,254	3,425	153	159	139	4.3	4.7	3.9
Foster	2,264	2,167	2,258	2,126	2,015	2,104	138	152	154	6.1	7.0	6.8
Griggs	1,769	1,669	1,733	1,662	1,543	1,652	107	126	81	6.0	7.5	4.7
La Moure	2,782	2,656	2,716	2,622	2,448	2,587	160	208	129	5.8	7.8	4.7
Logan	1,567	1,518	1,540	1,491	1,405	1,465	76	113	75	4.9	7.4	4.9
McIntosh	2,429	2,317	2,425	2,364	2,244	2,354	65	73	71	2.7	3.2	2.9
Stutsman	12,170	11,752	11,984	11,398	10,831	11,279	772	921	705	6.3	7.8	5.9
Wells	3,714	3,545	3,565	3,404	3,189	3,318	310	356	247	8.3	10.0	6.9
REGION 6 TOTAL	36,648	35,429	36,043	34,386	32,735	34,042	2,262	2,694	2,001	6.2	7.6	5.6
Burleigh	29,414	29,116	28,723	27,292	26,768	26,886	2,122	2,348	1,837	7.2	8.1	6.4
Emmons	2,633	2,455	2,602	2,440	2,204	2,343	193	251	259	7.3	10.2	10.0
Grant	1,830	1,725	1,787	1,737	1,612	1,673	93	113	114	5.1	6.6	6.4
Kidder	1,652	1,575	1,622	1,469	1,331	1,430	183	244	192	11.1	15.5	11.8
McLean	5,847	5,613	5,826	5,263	4,915	5,219	584	698	607	10.0	12.4	10.4
Mercer	6,633	6,349	8,862	5,946	5,543	8,229	687	806	633	10.4	12.7	7.1
Morton	13,446	13,453	13,221	12,430	12,192	12,245	1,016	1,261	976	7.6	9.4	7.4
Oliver	1,202	1,110	1,178	1,106	1,002	1,086	96	108	92	8.0	9.7	7.8
Sheridan	1,280	1,162	1,233	1,190	1,075	1,181	90	87	52	7.0	7.5	4.2
Sioux	1,343	1,260	1,353	1,239	1,154	1,252	104	106	101	7.7	8.4	7.5
REGION 7 TOTAL	65,280	63,818	66,407	60,112	57,796	61,544	5,168	6,022	4,863	7.9	9.4	7.3
Adams	2,094	2,005	2,012	2,034	1,946	1,969	60	59	43	2.9	2.9	2.1
Billings	711	686	764	681	657	745	30	29	19	4.2	4.2	2.5
Bowman	2,203	2,178	2,225	2,086	2,060	2,139	117	118	86	5.3	5.4	3.9
Dunn	2,106	2,020	2,125	1,906	1,783	1,901	200	237	224	9.5	11.7	10.5
Golden Valley	1,352	1,242	1,296	1,295	1,179	1,244	57	63	52	4.2	5.1	4.0
Hettinger	1,896	1,864	1,914	1,786	1,731	1,816	110	133	98	5.8	7.1	5.1
Slope	617	591	550	583	556	520	34	35	30	5.5	5.9	5.5
Stark	12,537	12,106	12,406	11,530	11,048	11,548	1,007	1,058	858	8.0	8.7	6.9
REGION 8 TOTAL	23,516	22,692	23,292	21,901	20,960	21,882	1,615	1,732	1,410	6.9	7.6	6.1
STATE TOTAL	336,263	328,269	326,651	314,626	303,561	307,759	21,637	24,708	18,892	6.4	7.5	5.8

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month April 1985	Previous Month March 1985	One Year Ago April 1984	Percent Change From March 1985	Percent Change From April 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,073	117,216	114,895	-0.1	1.9
Employment	108,647	108,820	106,095	-0.2	2.4
Unemployment	8,426	8,396	8,800	0.4	-4.2
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.2%	7.7%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	336,270	328,270	326,650	2.4	2.9
Employment	314,630	303,560	307,760	3.6	2.2
Unemployment	21,640	24,710	18,890	-12.4	14.6
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	7.5%	5.8%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	80,020	78,430	75,690	2.0	5.7
Employment	76,380	74,600	72,110	2.4	5.9
Unemployment	3,640	3,830	3,580	-5.0	1.7
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.9%	4.7%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	31,360	31,180	29,030	0.6	8.0
Employment	29,990	29,410	27,730	2.0	8.2
Unemployment	1,370	1,770	1,300	-22.6	5.4
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	5.7%	4.5%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,860	42,570	41,940	0.7	2.2
Employment	39,720	38,960	39,130	2.0	1.5
Unemployment	3,140	3,610	2,810	-13.0	11.7
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	8.5%	6.7%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MARCH 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	336.2	341.2	2,195.3	405.1
Employment	314.6	321.0	2,052.2	372.8
Unemployment	21.6	20.2	143.1	32.3
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.9	6.5	8.0

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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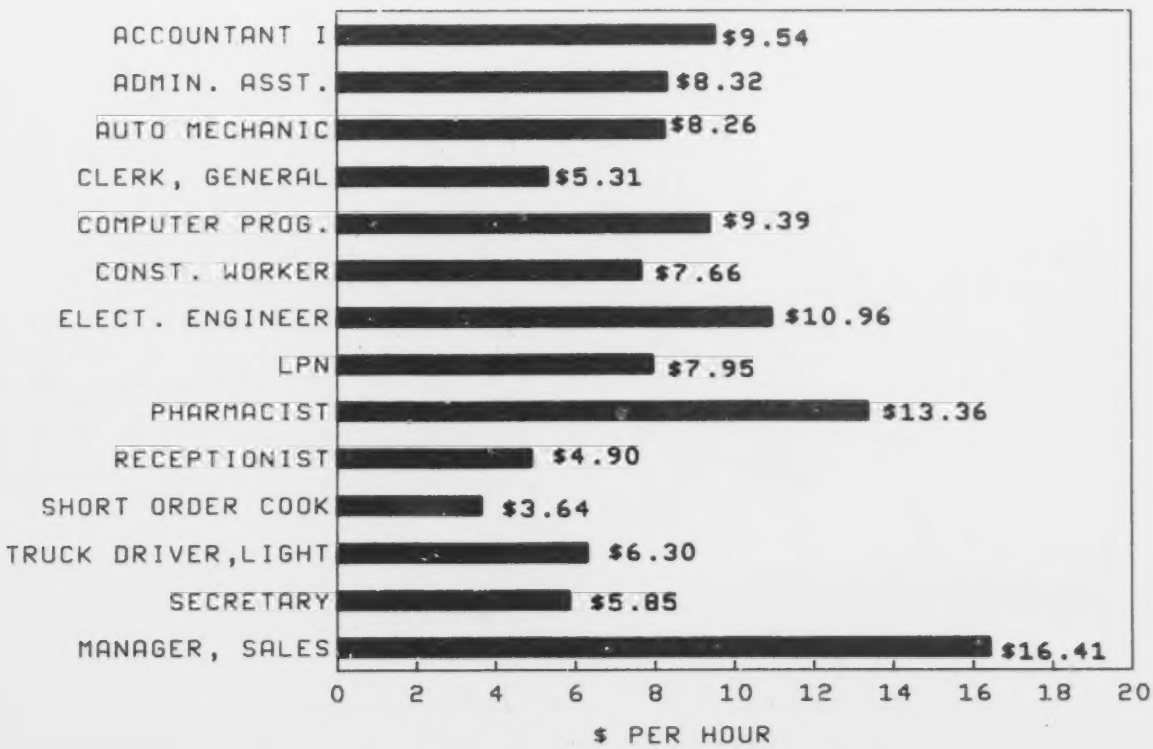

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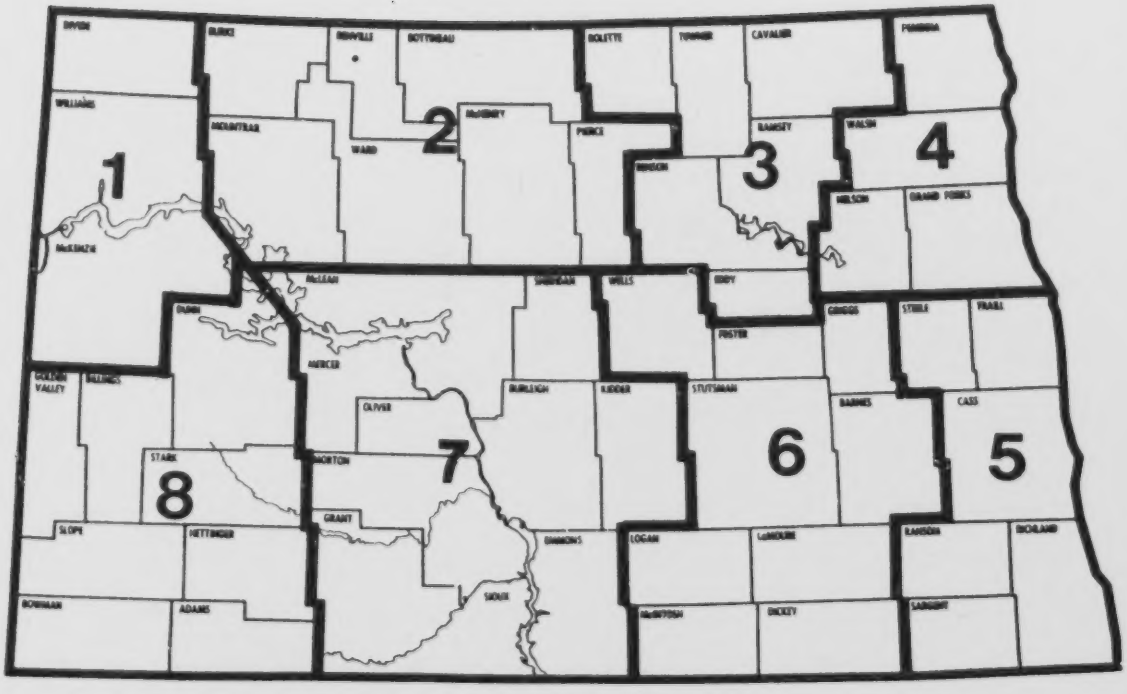

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

WAGE AND BENEFIT SURVEYS

Where can you obtain current local wage and benefit information? Job Service North Dakota's biennial wage and benefit surveys are conducted in 11 cities and provide data from over 140 occupations and 9 major industries. No other state in the Upper Midwest conducts locally oriented, comprehensive and consistent wage and benefit profiles of its communities.

The first survey was conducted in 1974 by the Bismarck local JSND office in response to a recommendation from the Employer Ad Hoc Committee of the Employer Service Improvement Program. They were soon joined by other local JSND offices wishing to provide wage and benefit information for their communities. Since all of the work was done manually by local office staff, the early surveys requested data for only 67 occupations. In 1979, however, the Research and Statistics Section developed an automated program for tabulating results, thus achieving the efficiency needed to meet the growing demand for this service.

The wage and benefit publications for each city summarize the average hourly wages for occupations by industry as well as highlighting the latest trends in company policies on paid vacations and holidays. Additional data outlined company policies concerning payment of group life insurance, group health insurance, long-term disability, and dental insurance.

From the universe of firms liable for unemployment insurance, survey forms are sent to all employers with 20 or more workers and to a statistical sample of those with 4 to 19 workers. Particular attention is given to surveying a representative number of firms in each industrial group and in each size class. The number of firms surveyed varies with the size of the community. As with all surveys, the degree of accuracy is proportionate to the response. We have been fortunate to receive the support and cooperation of local employers who take time to complete the survey form. In return, all participants are provided with detailed local salary and benefit information published in a format guaranteeing the confidentiality of individual responses.

The wage and benefit surveys have proven valuable to teachers and counselors when discussing students' career plans; to employers in comparing their wage and fringe benefit packages with other employers in the area; toeconomic development commissions in program planning; to prospective employers considering relocation in the surveyed community; to unions and employers during wage negotiations; and to job seekers and others interested in the rate of pay for various occupations.

Those communities scheduled for 1985 wage and benefit surveys are: Grand Forks, Wahpeton, Rolette County, Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo, and Grafton. Any questions concerning survey results or requests for copies of the survey publications may be directed to the Research and Statistics Section at the address listed on the back page or by calling toll-free 1-(800)-732-9787 in North Dakota. Individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan area or from out of state should dial (701) 224-3048.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month May 1985	Previous Month April 1985	One Year Ago May 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago April 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago May 1984
TOTAL	254,720	250,610	254,700	1.6	-0-
MINING	7,020	6,840	7,100	2.6	-1.1
Coal	1,420	1,420	1,170	-0-	21.4
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,190	5,100	5,490	1.8	-5.5
Other Mining	410	320	440	28.1	-6.8
CONSTRUCTION	11,810	9,900	13,980	19.3	-15.5
Building Construction	3,130	2,690	3,580	16.4	-12.6
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,420	2,370	4,500	44.3	-24.0
Special Trade Construction	5,260	4,840	5,900	8.7	-10.8
MANUFACTURING	15,410	15,240	15,280	1.1	0.9
Durable Goods	6,380	6,350	6,720	0.5	-5.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass	850	650	910	30.8	-6.6
Primary & Fabricated Metals	750	720	710	4.2	5.6
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,780	3,980	4,040	-5.0	-6.4
Other Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	1,060	-0-	-5.7
Nondurable Goods	9,030	8,890	8,560	1.6	5.5
Food & Kindred Products	4,330	4,270	3,930	1.4	10.2
Dairy Products	960	900	910	6.7	5.5
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,370	1,390	1,070	-1.4	28.0
Bakery Products	450	440	430	2.3	4.7
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,550	1,540	1,520	0.6	2.0
Printing & Publishing	2,480	2,470	2,380	0.4	4.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2,220	2,150	2,250	3.3	-1.3
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,740	16,530	16,560	1.3	1.1
Transportation	8,000	7,870	8,010	1.7	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	4,310	4,190	4,320	2.9	-0.2
Other Transportation	3,690	3,680	3,690	0.3	-0-
Communications	3,470	3,400	3,450	2.1	0.6
Public Utilities	5,270	5,260	5,100	0.2	3.3

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month May 1985	Previous Month April 1985	One Year Ago May 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago April 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago May 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,620	20,460	20,860	0.8	-1.2
Durable Goods	10,170	10,070	10,360	1.0	-1.8
Nondurable Goods	10,450	10,390	10,500	0.6	-0.5
RETAIL TRADE	48,710	47,830	47,500	1.8	2.5
General Merchandise	5,820	5,790	5,790	0.5	0.5
Food Stores	6,370	6,290	6,290	1.3	1.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,890	6,830	6,640	0.9	3.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,860	2,840	2,800	0.7	2.1
Other Retail	26,770	26,080	25,980	2.6	3.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,450	12,400	12,140	0.4	2.6
Finance	6,860	6,850	6,720	0.1	2.1
Banking	4,340	4,320	4,340	0.5	-0-
Other Finance	2,520	2,530	2,380	-0.4	5.9
Insurance	3,690	3,690	3,590	-0-	2.8
Real Estate	1,900	1,860	1,830	2.2	3.8
SERVICES	57,950	57,970	57,530	-0-	0.7
Lodging	4,390	4,360	4,720	0.7	-7.0
Nursing & Personal Care	5,960	5,930	5,810	0.5	2.6
Hospitals	12,750	12,770	13,330	-0.2	-4.4
Other Medical	6,410	6,340	5,960	1.1	7.6
Other Services	28,440	28,570	27,710	-0.5	2.6
GOVERNMENT	64,010	63,440	63,750	0.9	0.4
Federal	9,270	9,190	9,180	0.9	1.0
State Government	19,150	19,200	19,370	-0.3	-1.1
Educational Services	12,230	12,260	12,570	-0.2	-2.7
Other State Government	6,920	6,940	6,800	-0.3	1.8
Local Government	35,590	35,050	35,200	1.5	1.1
Educational Services	17,690	17,710	17,550	-0.1	0.8
Other Local Government	17,900	17,340	17,650	3.2	1.4

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month May 1985	Previous Month April 1985	One Year Ago May 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago April 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago May 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	68,000	66,970	66,130	1.5	2.8
Mining & Construction	3,250	2,700	3,080	20.4	5.5
Manufacturing	4,790	4,770	4,780	0.4	0.2
Durable Goods	2,080	2,080	2,160	-0-	-3.7
Nondurable Goods	2,710	2,690	2,620	0.7	3.4
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,950	3,870	3,880	2.1	1.8
Trade	20,720	20,410	19,770	1.5	4.8
Wholesale Trade	6,930	6,830	6,730	1.5	3.0
Retail Trade	13,790	13,580	13,040	1.5	5.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,350	4,330	4,050	0.5	7.4
Services	17,550	17,560	17,070	-0.1	2.8
Government	13,390	13,330	13,500	0.5	-0.8
Federal	2,070	2,070	1,980	-0-	4.5
State & Local	11,320	11,260	11,520	0.5	-1.7
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,970	28,150	27,350	2.9	5.9
Mining & Construction	1,360	1,010	1,210	34.7	12.4
Manufacturing	1,460	1,400	1,080	4.3	35.2
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,520	1,460	1,550	4.1	-1.9
Trade	8,490	8,370	7,780	1.4	9.1
Wholesale Trade	1,410	1,370	1,380	2.9	2.2
Retail Trade	7,080	7,000	6,400	1.1	10.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,110	1,090	1,080	1.8	2.8
Services	5,970	5,940	5,920	0.5	0.8
Government	9,060	8,880	8,730	2.0	3.8
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,150	36,090	35,870	0.2	0.8
Mining	230	230	210	-0-	9.5
Construction	1,600	1,350	1,840	18.5	-13.0
Manufacturing	1,940	1,890	2,040	2.6	-4.9
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,860	2,860	2,840	-0-	0.7
Trade	9,640	9,500	9,630	1.5	0.1
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,580	2,540	0.8	2.4
Retail Trade	7,040	6,920	7,090	1.7	-0.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,670	1,670	1,670	-0-	-0-
Services	10,080	10,250	9,720	-1.7	3.7
Government	8,130	8,340	7,920	-2.5	2.7

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month May 1985	Previous Month April 1985	One Year Ago May 1984	Percent Change From April 1985	Percent Change From May 1984
All Items	311.1	321.3	320.1	309.7	0.4	3.7
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.0	301.6	293.6	-0.2	2.5
Housing	336.5	348.5	345.9	334.6	0.8	4.2
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	205.3	205.9	198.9	-0.3	3.2
Transportation	311.7	321.4	320.0	312.2	0.4	2.9
Medical Care	379.5	399.5	398.0	376.8	0.4	6.0
Entertainment	255.1	263.6	263.3	253.5	0.1	4.0

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month May 1985	Previous Month April 1985	One Year Ago May 1984	Percent Change From April 1985	Percent Change From May 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.9	309.3	311.5	0.2	-0.5
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	250.6	253.3	265.8	-1.1	-5.7
Industrial Commodities	322.6	325.3	323.8	323.2	0.5	0.6

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	381.10	380.15	369.87	40.2	40.1	40.6	9.48	9.48	9.11
Durable Goods	411.05	409.22	399.92	40.9	40.8	41.4	10.05	10.03	9.66
Nondurable Goods	339.55	338.13	328.68	39.3	39.0	39.6	8.64	8.67	8.30
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	312.80	313.53	301.37	39.1	38.9	38.1	8.00	8.06	7.91
Durable Goods	343.99	342.23	330.47	41.0	40.5	40.4	8.39	8.45	8.18
Nondurable Goods	291.44	293.71	278.42	37.8	37.8	36.3	7.71	7.77	7.67
Food & Kindred	309.14	306.50	301.32	40.2	39.6	37.2	7.69	7.74	8.10
Printing & Publishing	265.68	259.53	252.32	32.8	32.2	33.2	8.10	8.06	7.60
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	314.91	304.88	306.45	37.4	37.0	36.7	8.42	8.24	8.35
Durable Goods	322.70	309.99	317.42	38.6	38.7	37.3	8.36	8.01	8.51
Nondurable Goods	309.64	302.28	298.39	36.6	35.9	36.3	8.46	8.42	8.22

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
Divide	1,873	1,740	1,823	1,812	1,668	1,763	61	72	60	3.3	4.1	3.3
McKenzie	4,167	3,941	4,194	4,001	3,762	4,069	166	179	125	4.0	4.5	3.0
Williams	15,080	14,616	14,600	14,300	13,784	14,039	780	832	561	5.2	5.7	3.8
REGION 1 TOTAL	21,120	20,297	20,617	20,113	19,214	19,871	1,007	1,083	746	4.8	5.3	3.6
Bottineau	4,631	4,409	4,530	4,380	4,049	4,362	251	360	168	5.4	8.2	3.7
Burke	2,238	2,160	2,213	2,140	2,004	2,113	98	156	100	4.4	7.2	4.5
McHenry	3,705	3,559	3,664	3,320	3,027	3,314	385	532	350	10.4	14.9	9.6
Mountrail	3,879	3,682	3,932	3,645	3,393	3,659	234	289	273	6.0	7.8	6.9
Pierce	3,328	3,209	3,328	3,185	3,013	3,206	143	196	122	4.3	6.1	3.7
Renville	1,812	1,691	1,754	1,707	1,582	1,695	105	109	59	5.8	6.4	3.4
Ward	26,145	25,996	26,019	24,634	24,038	24,745	1,511	1,958	1,274	5.8	7.5	4.9
REGION 2 TOTAL	45,738	44,706	45,440	43,011	41,106	43,094	2,727	3,600	2,346	6.0	8.1	5.2
Benson	3,646	3,575	3,516	3,372	3,202	3,217	274	373	299	7.5	10.4	8.5
Cavalier	4,050	3,742	3,908	3,814	3,413	3,739	236	329	169	5.8	8.8	4.3
Eddy	1,894	1,857	1,892	1,752	1,621	1,744	142	236	148	7.5	12.7	7.8
Ramsey	7,373	7,155	7,221	6,999	6,680	6,901	374	475	320	5.1	6.6	4.4
Rolette	5,342	5,187	5,375	4,676	4,469	4,732	666	718	643	12.5	13.8	12.0
Towner	2,381	2,254	2,398	2,332	2,159	2,327	49	95	71	2.1	4.2	3.0
REGION 3 TOTAL	24,686	23,770	24,310	22,945	21,544	22,660	1,741	2,226	1,650	7.1	9.4	6.8
Grand Forks	32,508	31,560	29,968	31,368	30,191	28,647	1,140	1,369	1,321	3.5	4.3	4.4
Nelson	3,002	2,899	2,919	2,820	2,661	2,774	182	238	145	6.1	8.2	5.0
Pembina	6,336	6,059	6,271	5,950	5,531	5,873	386	528	398	6.1	8.7	6.3
Walsh	9,383	8,939	9,131	8,928	8,441	8,730	455	498	401	4.8	5.6	4.4
REGION 4 TOTAL	51,229	49,457	48,289	49,066	46,824	46,024	2,163	2,633	2,265	4.2	5.3	4.7
Cass	51,765	51,133	48,333	50,078	49,210	47,021	1,687	1,923	1,312	3.3	3.8	2.7
Ransom	3,225	3,044	3,243	3,101	2,898	3,088	124	146	155	3.8	4.8	4.8
Richland	9,810	9,402	9,528	9,339	8,888	9,214	471	514	314	4.8	5.5	3.3
Sargent	2,973	2,811	2,827	2,851	2,670	2,714	122	141	113	4.1	5.0	4.0
Steele	1,567	1,444	1,548	1,523	1,369	1,518	44	75	30	2.8	5.2	1.9
Traill	5,134	4,882	5,049	4,943	4,632	4,876	191	250	173	3.7	5.1	3.4
REGION 5 TOTAL	74,474	72,716	70,528	71,835	69,667	68,431	2,639	3,049	2,097	3.5	4.2	3.0

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
Barnes	6,618	6,382	6,549	6,237	5,901	6,234	381	481	315	5.8	7.5	4.8
Dickey	3,753	3,563	3,755	3,625	3,410	3,664	128	153	91	3.4	4.3	2.4
Foster	2,371	2,263	2,388	2,279	2,125	2,273	92	138	115	3.9	6.1	4.8
Griggs	1,857	1,767	1,856	1,796	1,660	1,801	61	107	55	3.3	6.1	3.0
La Moure	2,958	2,781	2,926	2,845	2,621	2,829	113	160	97	3.8	5.8	3.3
Logan	1,695	1,566	1,672	1,638	1,490	1,626	57	76	46	3.4	4.9	2.8
McIntosh	2,587	2,428	2,617	2,536	2,363	2,547	51	65	70	2.0	2.7	2.7
Stutsman	12,600	12,166	12,572	12,011	11,393	11,964	589	773	608	4.7	6.4	4.8
Wells	3,835	3,712	3,738	3,613	3,402	3,554	222	310	184	5.8	8.4	4.9
REGION 6 TOTAL	38,274	36,628	38,073	36,580	34,365	36,492	1,694	2,263	1,581	4.4	6.2	4.2
Burleigh	29,805	29,400	29,447	27,919	27,277	27,665	1,886	2,123	1,782	6.3	7.2	6.1
Emmons	2,832	2,631	2,790	2,656	2,438	2,576	176	193	214	6.2	7.3	7.7
Grant	2,017	1,829	1,977	1,933	1,736	1,876	84	93	101	4.2	5.1	5.1
Kidder	1,724	1,651	1,714	1,597	1,468	1,569	127	183	145	7.4	11.1	8.5
McLean	6,107	5,841	6,171	5,658	5,260	5,651	449	581	520	7.4	9.9	8.4
Mercer	6,299	6,631	8,486	5,724	5,943	7,858	575	688	628	9.1	10.4	7.4
Morton	13,571	13,440	13,503	12,716	12,423	12,600	855	1,017	903	6.3	7.6	6.7
Oliver	1,322	1,202	1,312	1,242	1,106	1,228	80	96	84	6.1	8.0	6.4
Sheridan	1,363	1,279	1,364	1,320	1,189	1,321	43	90	43	3.2	7.0	3.2
Sioux	1,422	1,342	1,440	1,324	1,238	1,354	98	104	86	6.9	7.7	6.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	66,462	65,246	68,204	62,089	60,078	63,698	4,373	5,168	4,506	6.6	7.9	6.6
Adams	2,191	2,093	2,140	2,148	2,033	2,098	43	60	42	2.0	2.9	2.0
Billings	852	710	940	830	680	921	22	30	19	2.6	4.2	2.0
Bowman	2,240	2,203	2,300	2,181	2,086	2,246	59	117	54	2.6	5.3	2.3
Dunn	2,284	2,105	2,317	2,117	1,905	2,130	167	200	187	7.3	9.5	8.1
Golden Valley	1,391	1,351	1,327	1,328	1,294	1,289	63	57	38	4.5	4.2	2.9
Hettinger	2,022	1,896	2,064	1,936	1,786	1,982	86	110	82	4.3	5.8	4.0
Slope	655	616	606	636	582	582	19	34	24	2.9	5.5	4.0
Stark	12,733	12,535	12,733	11,869	11,526	11,958	864	1,009	775	6.8	8.0	6.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	24,368	23,509	24,427	23,045	21,892	23,206	1,323	1,617	1,221	5.4	6.9	5.0
STATE TOTAL	346,351	336,329	339,888	328,684	314,690	323,476	17,667	21,639	16,412	5.1	6.4	4.8

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month May 1985	Previous Month April 1985	One Year Ago May 1984	Percent Change From April 1985	Percent Change From May 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,078	117,073	115,412	-0-	1.4
Employment	108,665	108,647	106,852	-0-	1.7
Unemployment	8,413	8,426	8,560	-0.2	-1.7
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.2%	7.4%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	346,350	336,330	339,890	3.0	1.9
Employment	328,680	314,690	323,480	4.4	1.6
Unemployment	17,670	21,640	16,410	-18.3	7.7
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	6.4%	4.8%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	80,580	80,040	77,330	0.7	4.2
Employment	77,680	76,400	74,370	1.7	4.5
Unemployment	2,900	3,640	2,960	-20.3	-2.0
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.6%	3.8%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,510	31,560	29,970	3.0	8.5
Employment	31,370	30,190	28,650	3.9	9.5
Unemployment	1,140	1,370	1,320	-16.8	-13.6
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.3%	4.4%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,380	42,840	42,960	1.3	1.0
Employment	40,640	39,700	40,270	2.4	0.9
Unemployment	2,740	3,140	2,690	-12.7	1.9
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	7.3%	6.3%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
APRIL 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	336.3	348.3	2,217.9	414.9
Employment	314.7	330.7	2,091.4	383.0
Unemployment	21.6	17.6	126.5	31.9
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.1	5.7	7.7

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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DEVILS LAKE
301 College Drive
Phone: 662-2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street S
Phone: 237-7113

GRAND FORKS
2016 S Washington
Phone: 777-3711

GRAFTON
728 Hill Avenue S
Phone: 352-2202

JAMESTOWN
429 Second Street SW
Phone: 251-2256

MANDAN
501 First Street NW
Phone: 663-6461

MINOT
3416 N Broadway
Phone: 852-2164

VALLEY CITY
2425 W Main
Phone: 845-7261

WAHPETON
524 Second Avenue N
Phone: 671-2711

WILLISTON
422 First Avenue W
Phone: 572-7771

BEULAH
118 W Main
Phone: 873-5607

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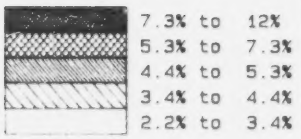

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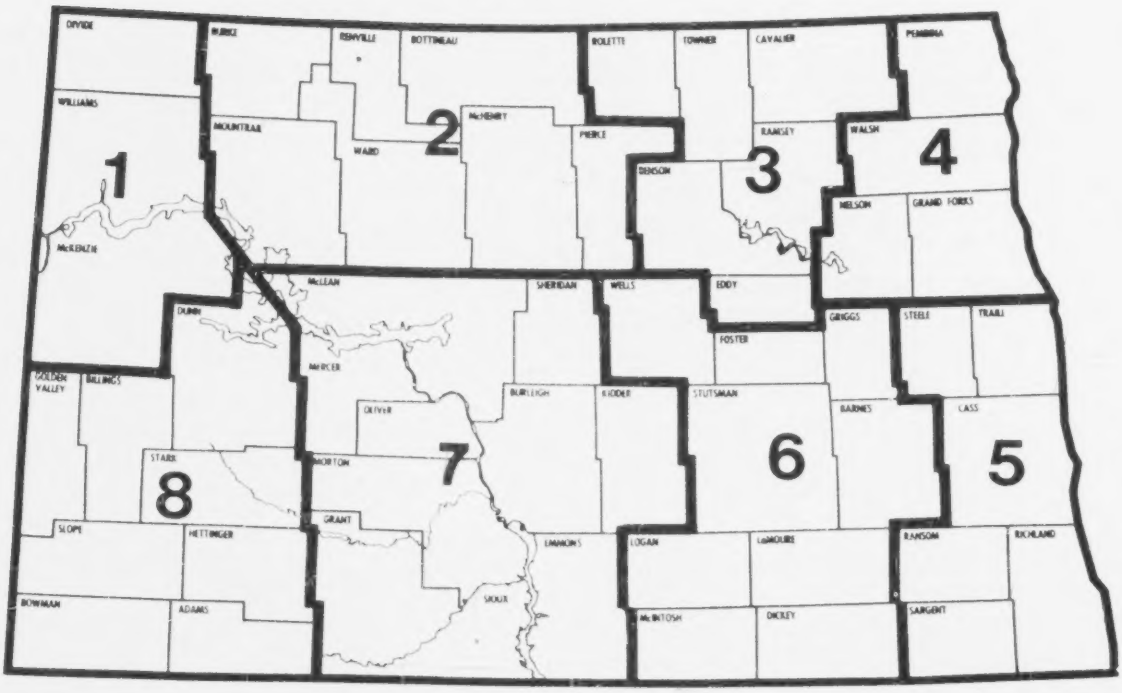

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Each month the local media carries stories about the latest unemployment figures for the nation, state, county, or city. If you're like many people, you assume you know what they're talking about without really thinking about it. Few people actually know how the unemployment rates are computed or what they mean. This article will shed a little light on the subject.

First, the unemployment rate is a percentage that expresses what part unemployed persons are of the total labor force (the sum of unemployed and employed). Mathematically it looks like this:

$$\text{UNEMPLOYMENT RATE} = \frac{\text{NUMBER UNEMPLOYED}}{\text{NUMBER UNEMPLOYED+EMPLOYED}} \times 100.$$

Who gets counted in each category? To be UNEMPLOYED, a person must be:

a. 16 years or older,

b. Who had no job at all during a specific reference week (usually the week including the 12th of the month), and

c. Who was looking for work (actively seeking employment), and

d. Currently available for work, or

e. A person expecting a recall from a layoff or waiting to begin a new job within 30 days, whether or not they are actively looking for work.

It should be noted that even full-time students are counted as unemployed if they are 16 years of age, looking for work, and available for a job. Estimates are also made for those people who have exhausted unemployment insurance benefits, and those who are entering the labor force for the first time, or reentering after an extended period of being out of the labor force.

Persons not counted as unemployed are those who are:

a. Under 16 years of age,

b. Discouraged workers (those persons who want a job but are not searching for employment because they feel that no jobs are available in their line of work),

c. Underemployed (usually thought of as persons who take jobs that do not make use of, or pay according to, their skills, training, and experience. Also, a person accepting a part-time job when they want a full-time job).

To be EMPLOYED, a person must be:

a. 16 years or older,

b. Who worked at least one hour for pay or profit, or

c. Who worked 15 hours without pay in a family business, or

d. Who worked in their own business or profession, or

e. Who were not working but had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, bad weather, vacation, a labor-management dispute, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid by their employers for the time off, and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

Beyond the definition above, it should be noted that persons holding two jobs are only counted once. A second point is that the national employment figures include one group of people that local area statistics do not--Armed Forces. Because of this, state or county data are usually referred to as CIVILIAN employment.

Another concept to look at is the major causes of unemployment. Economists often divide unemployment into four categories:

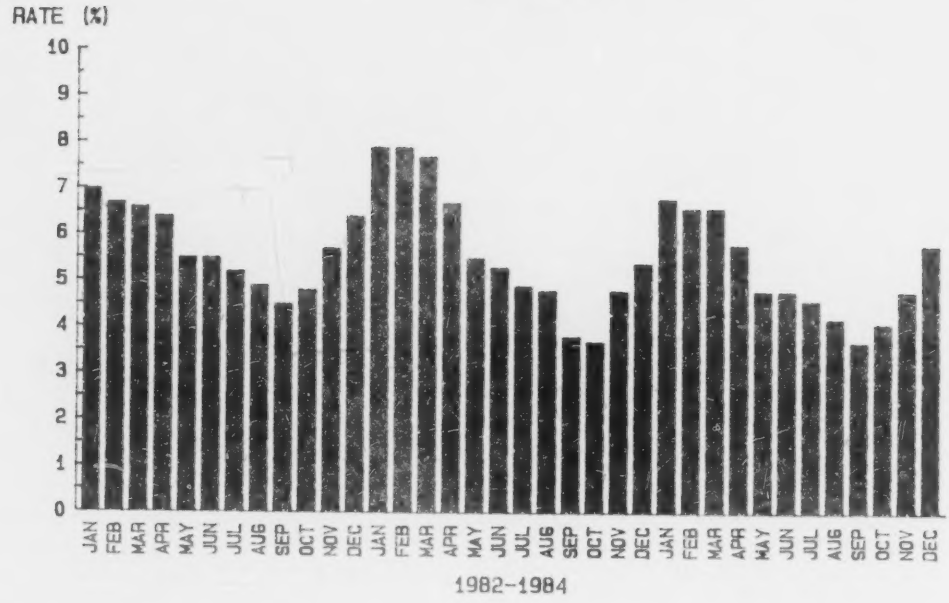
1. FRICTIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT: Usually is short term. It results from a lack of information about job opportunities and the economy's inability to match jobseekers with jobs quickly, and also refers to people who are just entering the labor force, or those who quit one job to look for another.

2. STRUCTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT: Generally is longer in duration. It usually results from the mismatch between the skills possessed by jobseekers and the skills required for the available jobs. Persons who are unemployed due to technological change, or because they have insufficient education or skills, are considered as structurally unemployed. It also includes joblessness caused by discrimination of any type or by imbalances between sections of the country where jobs are available and where the jobless reside.

3. CYCLICAL UNEMPLOYMENT: Considered to be caused by the periodic declines in business activity that give rise to inadequate demand for workers in the economy.

4. SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT: This is the joblessness that results from such regularly recurring causes as the impact of cold weather on outdoor activities or the summer influx of youth into the labor market.

NORTH DAKOTA
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
BY MONTH



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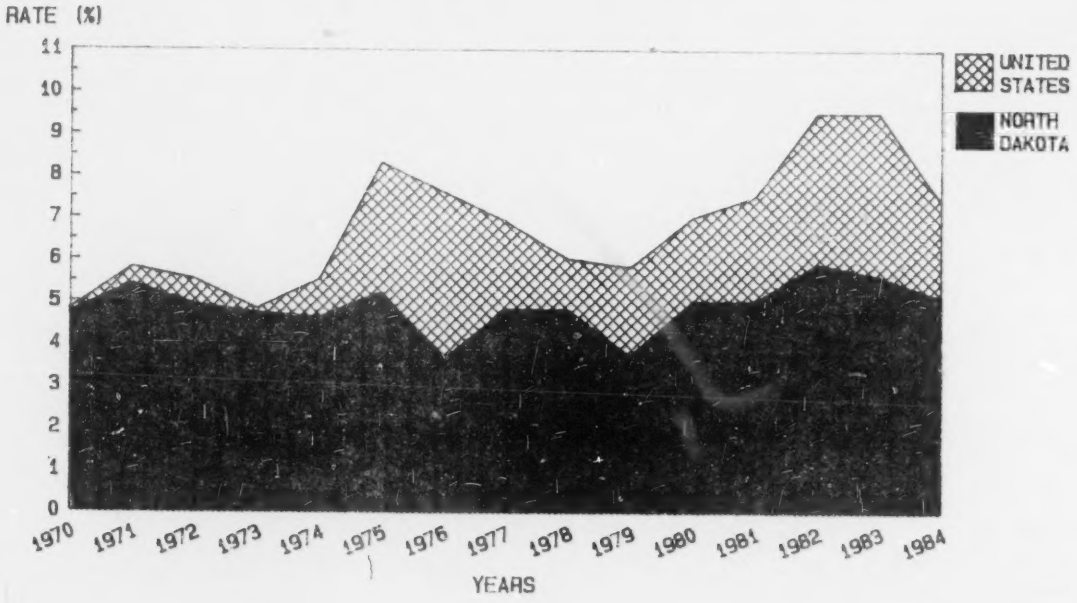

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month June 1985	Previous Month May 1985	One Year Ago June 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago May 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago June 1984
TOTAL	254,820	254,830	255,690	-0-	-0.3
MINING	7,190	7,030	7,510	2.3	-4.3
Coal	1,430	1,430	1,220	-0-	17.2
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,260	5,190	5,760	1.3	-8.7
Other Mining	500	410	530	22.0	-5.7
CONSTRUCTION	12,900	11,830	15,680	9.0	-17.7
Building Construction	3,470	3,140	3,980	10.5	-12.8
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,980	3,440	5,390	15.7	-26.2
Special Trade Construction	5,450	5,250	6,310	3.8	-13.6
MANUFACTURING	15,740	15,460	15,420	1.8	2.1
Durable Goods	6,610	6,430	6,910	2.8	-4.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass	970	850	1,030	14.1	-5.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	790	750	750	5.3	5.3
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,840	3,830	4,060	0.3	-5.4
Other Durable Goods	1,010	1,000	1,070	1.0	-5.6
Nondurable Goods	9,130	9,030	8,510	1.1	7.3
Food & Kindred Products	4,380	4,330	3,820	1.2	14.7
Dairy Products	1,000	960	960	4.2	4.2
Food Specialties Confectionery Products	1,410	1,370	940	2.9	50.0
Bakery Products	450	450	440	-0-	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,520	1,550	1,480	-1.9	2.7
Printing & Publishing	2,480	2,480	2,400	-0-	3.3
Other Nondurable Goods	2,270	2,220	2,290	2.3	-0.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,670	16,720	16,530	-0.3	0.8
Transportation	7,860	7,990	7,900	-1.6	-0.5
Trucking & Warehousing	4,380	4,310	4,390	1.6	-0.2
Other Transportation	3,480	3,680	3,510	-5.4	-0.9
Communications	3,470	3,460	3,480	0.3	-0.3
Public Utilities	5,340	5,270	5,150	1.3	3.7

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month June 1985	Previous Month May 1985	One Year Ago June 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago May 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago June 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,720	20,610	20,980	0.5	-1.2
Durable Goods	10,270	10,170	10,490	1.0	-2.1
Nondurable Goods	10,450	10,440	10,490	0.1	-0.4
RETAIL TRADE	48,700	48,710	47,660	-0-	2.2
General Merchandise	5,730	5,800	5,800	-1.2	-1.2
Food Stores	6,370	6,370	6,320	-0-	0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,920	6,890	6,720	0.4	3.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,840	2,860	2,810	-0.7	1.1
Other Retail	26,840	26,790	26,010	0.2	3.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,530	12,450	12,340	0.6	1.5
Finance	6,890	6,860	6,780	0.4	1.6
Banking	4,350	4,340	4,380	0.2	-0.7
Other Finance	2,540	2,520	2,400	0.8	5.8
Insurance	3,720	3,690	3,660	0.8	1.6
Real Estate	1,920	1,900	1,900	1.1	1.1
SERVICES	58,180	57,980	57,810	0.3	0.6
Lodging	4,380	4,390	4,710	-0.2	-7.0
Nursing & Personal Care	6,100	5,960	5,930	2.3	2.9
Hospitals	12,750	12,770	13,330	-0.2	-4.4
Other Medical	6,460	6,410	6,040	0.8	7.0
Other Services	28,490	28,450	27,800	0.1	2.5
GOVERNMENT	62,190	64,040	61,760	-2.9	0.7
Federal	9,530	9,280	9,470	2.7	0.6
State Government	17,970	19,150	17,900	-6.2	0.4
Educational Services	10,660	12,230	10,970	-12.8	-2.8
Other State Government	7,310	6,920	6,930	5.6	5.5
Local Government	34,690	35,610	34,390	-2.6	0.9
Educational Services	15,150	17,690	15,150	-14.4	-0-
Other Local Government	19,540	17,920	19,240	9.0	1.6

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month June 1985	Previous Month May 1985	One Year Ago June 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago May 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago June 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,960	67,860	64,740	-1.3	3.4
Mining & Construction	3,820	3,250	3,630	17.5	5.2
Manufacturing	4,860	4,800	4,870	1.3	-0.2
Durable Goods	2,110	2,090	2,230	1.0	-5.4
Nondurable Goods	2,750	2,710	2,640	1.5	4.2
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,960	3,920	3,930	1.0	0.8
Trade	20,740	20,730	19,770	-0-	4.9
Wholesale Trade	7,020	6,930	6,820	1.3	2.9
Retail Trade	13,720	13,800	12,950	-0.6	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,350	4,350	4,100	-0-	6.1
Services	16,780	17,560	16,230	-4.4	3.4
Government	12,450	13,250	12,210	-6.0	2.0
Federal	2,060	2,070	1,980	-0.5	4.0
State & Local	10,390	11,180	10,230	-7.1	1.6
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,750	28,960	26,430	-4.2	5.0
Mining & Construction	1,560	1,380	1,470	13.0	6.1
Manufacturing	1,530	1,460	1,050	4.8	45.7
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,490	1,510	1,520	-1.3	-2.0
Trade	8,400	8,480	7,720	-0.9	8.8
Wholesale Trade	1,430	1,410	1,400	1.4	2.1
Retail Trade	6,970	7,070	6,320	-1.4	10.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,110	1,110	1,080	-0-	2.8
Services	5,890	5,970	5,950	-1.3	-1.0
Government	7,770	9,050	7,640	-14.1	1.7
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,540	36,140	36,090	1.1	1.2
Mining	240	230	230	4.3	4.3
Construction	1,820	1,600	2,090	13.8	-12.9
Manufacturing	1,990	1,940	2,090	2.6	-4.8
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,830	2,850	2,860	-0.7	-1.0
Trade	9,660	9,640	9,710	0.2	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	2,620	2,600	2,560	0.8	2.3
Retail Trade	7,040	7,040	7,150	-0-	-1.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,670	1,710	1.8	-0.6
Services	9,970	10,080	9,640	-1.1	3.4
Government	8,330	8,130	7,760	2.5	7.3

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month June 1985	Previous Month May 1985	One Year Ago June 1984	Percent Change From May 1985	Percent Change From June 1984
All Items	311.1	322.3	321.3	310.7	0.3	3.7
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.4	301.0	294.3	0.1	2.4
Housing	336.5	350.4	348.5	336.2	0.5	4.2
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	204.6	205.3	197.4	-0.3	3.6
Transportation	311.7	321.8	321.4	313.1	0.1	2.8
Medical Care	379.5	401.7	399.5	378.0	0.6	6.3
Entertainment	255.1	264.8	263.6	254.5	0.5	4.0

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month June 1985	Previous Month May 1985	One Year Ago June 1984	Percent Change From May 1985	Percent Change From June 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.5	309.9	311.3	-0.1	-0.6
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	249.1	250.6	262.8	-0.6	-5.2
Industrial Commodities	322.6	325.2	325.3	323.8	-0-	0.4

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	385.70	382.04	372.91	40.6	40.3	40.8	9.50	9.48	9.14
Durable Goods	417.31	412.05	402.14	41.4	41.0	41.5	10.08	10.05	9.69
Nondurable Goods	342.54	339.55	331.53	39.6	39.3	39.8	8.65	8.64	8.33
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	314.70	313.95	296.73	38.9	39.0	37.8	8.09	8.05	7.85
Durable Goods	341.54	344.32	309.89	39.9	40.7	38.4	8.56	8.46	8.07
Nondurable Goods	294.51	293.35	284.95	38.1	37.9	37.2	7.73	7.74	7.66
Food & Kindred	313.94	310.31	318.63	41.2	40.3	39.0	7.62	7.70	8.17
Printing & Publishing	265.47	268.47	249.33	32.1	32.7	33.2	8.27	8.21	7.51
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	316.01	313.97	301.76	37.8	37.2	36.4	8.36	8.44	8.29
Durable Goods	319.49	316.84	278.32	38.4	37.9	33.9	8.32	8.36	8.21
Nondurable Goods	313.41	311.10	318.59	32.4	36.6	38.2	8.38	8.50	8.34

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
Divide	1,882	1,876	1,815	1,816	1,813	1,767	66	63	48	3.5	3.4	2.6
McKenzie	4,303	4,176	4,333	4,112	4,004	4,190	191	172	143	4.4	4.1	3.3
Williams	15,852	15,108	15,147	14,906	14,312	14,649	946	796	498	6.0	5.3	3.3
REGION 1 TOTAL	22,037	21,160	21,295	20,834	20,129	20,606	1,203	1,031	689	5.5	4.9	3.2
Bottineau	4,750	4,628	4,572	4,447	4,382	4,437	303	246	135	6.4	5.3	3.0
Burke	2,184	2,237	2,151	2,072	2,140	2,055	112	97	96	5.1	4.3	4.5
McHenry	3,659	3,677	3,644	3,287	3,324	3,288	372	353	356	10.2	9.6	9.8
Mountrail	3,952	3,872	3,992	3,688	3,646	3,714	264	226	278	6.7	5.8	7.0
Pierce	3,382	3,327	3,385	3,237	3,187	3,267	145	140	118	4.3	4.2	3.5
Renville	1,777	1,811	1,741	1,686	1,707	1,676	91	104	65	5.1	5.7	3.7
Ward	26,568	26,085	26,328	24,960	24,649	25,107	1,608	1,436	1,221	6.1	5.5	4.6
REGION 2 TOTAL	46,272	45,637	45,813	43,377	43,035	43,544	2,895	2,602	2,269	6.3	5.7	5.0
Benson	3,666	3,634	3,512	3,387	3,376	3,231	279	258	281	7.6	7.1	8.0
Cavalier	3,936	4,027	3,828	3,724	3,816	3,662	212	211	166	5.4	5.2	4.3
Eddy	1,915	1,881	1,911	1,787	1,752	1,787	128	129	124	6.7	6.9	6.5
Ramsey	7,510	7,349	7,369	7,130	7,004	7,042	380	345	327	5.1	4.7	4.4
Rolette	5,257	5,314	5,273	4,541	4,682	4,600	716	632	673	13.6	11.9	12.8
Towner	2,391	2,379	2,383	2,334	2,333	2,333	57	46	50	2.4	1.9	2.1
REGION 3 TOTAL	24,675	24,584	24,276	22,903	22,963	22,655	1,772	1,621	1,621	7.2	6.6	6.7
Grand Forks	31,696	32,472	29,556	30,600	31,365	28,255	1,096	1,107	1,301	3.5	3.4	4.4
Nelson	2,997	2,986	2,950	2,855	2,821	2,818	142	165	132	4.7	5.5	4.5
Pembina	6,414	6,312	6,361	5,986	5,952	5,922	428	360	439	6.7	5.7	6.9
Walsh	9,389	9,378	9,169	8,919	8,932	8,738	470	446	431	5.0	4.8	4.7
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,496	51,148	48,036	48,360	49,070	45,733	2,136	2,078	2,303	4.2	4.1	4.8
Cass	51,791	51,714	48,465	50,022	50,021	47,015	1,769	1,693	1,450	3.4	3.3	3.0
Ransom	3,430	3,219	3,171	3,315	3,102	3,041	115	117	130	3.4	3.6	4.1
Richland	10,162	9,815	9,831	9,610	9,346	9,501	552	469	330	5.4	4.8	3.4
Sargent	3,002	2,977	2,842	2,877	2,853	2,741	125	124	101	4.2	4.2	3.6
Steele	1,553	1,568	1,544	1,515	1,524	1,513	38	44	31	2.4	2.8	2.0
Traill	5,171	5,125	5,099	4,964	4,946	4,907	207	179	192	4.0	3.5	3.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	75,109	74,418	70,952	72,303	71,792	68,718	2,806	2,626	2,234	3.7	3.5	3.1

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
Barnes	6,547	6,601	6,522	6,211	6,240	6,221	336	361	301	5.1	5.5	4.6
Dickey	3,809	3,750	3,817	3,671	3,627	3,720	138	123	97	3.6	3.3	2.5
Foster	2,357	2,367	2,349	2,245	2,282	2,244	112	85	105	4.8	3.6	4.5
Griggs	1,879	1,860	1,860	1,810	1,799	1,819	69	61	41	3.7	3.3	2.2
La Moure	2,892	2,952	2,838	2,785	2,846	2,774	107	106	64	3.7	3.6	2.3
Logan	1,743	1,690	1,731	1,686	1,638	1,675	57	52	56	3.3	3.1	3.2
McIntosh	2,546	2,592	2,568	2,495	2,539	2,509	51	53	59	2.0	2.0	2.3
Stutsman	12,528	12,572	12,513	11,972	12,020	11,941	556	552	572	4.4	4.4	4.6
Wells	3,797	3,809	3,741	3,610	3,615	3,560	187	194	181	4.9	5.1	4.8
REGION 6 TOTAL	38,098	38,193	37,939	36,485	36,606	36,463	1,613	1,587	1,476	4.2	4.2	3.9
Burleigh	30,469	29,733	30,070	28,524	27,939	28,286	1,945	1,794	1,784	6.4	6.0	5.9
Emmons	2,776	2,820	2,753	2,635	2,657	2,563	141	163	190	5.1	5.8	6.9
Grant	2,011	2,012	1,952	1,911	1,933	1,861	100	79	91	5.0	3.9	4.7
Kidder	1,721	1,710	1,713	1,619	1,598	1,595	102	112	118	5.9	6.5	6.9
McLean	6,017	6,077	6,065	5,515	5,661	5,515	502	416	550	8.3	6.8	9.1
Mercer	6,364	6,267	8,470	5,714	5,727	7,836	650	540	634	10.2	8.6	7.5
Morton	13,968	13,538	13,855	12,991	12,725	12,882	977	813	973	7.0	6.0	7.0
Oliver	1,328	1,319	1,306	1,238	1,241	1,227	90	78	79	6.8	5.9	6.0
Sheridan	1,376	1,359	1,369	1,325	1,320	1,327	51	39	42	3.7	2.9	3.1
Sioux	1,448	1,422	1,433	1,281	1,325	1,306	167	97	127	11.5	6.8	8.9
REGION 7 TOTAL	67,478	66,257	68,986	62,753	62,126	64,398	4,725	4,131	4,588	7.0	6.2	6.7
Adams	2,217	2,193	2,173	2,173	2,150	2,130	44	43	43	2.0	2.0	2.0
Billings	1,036	852	1,168	1,012	830	1,144	24	22	24	2.3	2.6	2.1
Bowman	2,356	2,242	2,385	2,236	2,182	2,309	120	60	76	5.1	2.7	3.2
Dunn	2,271	2,279	2,310	2,104	2,118	2,122	167	161	188	7.4	7.1	8.1
Golden Valley	1,447	1,392	1,387	1,360	1,328	1,324	87	64	63	6.0	4.6	4.5
Hettinger	1,994	2,018	2,053	1,921	1,935	1,967	73	83	86	3.7	4.1	4.2
Slope	694	651	612	648	636	593	46	15	19	6.6	2.3	3.1
Stark	13,145	12,723	13,068	12,247	11,879	12,353	898	844	715	6.8	6.6	5.5
REGION 8 TOTAL	25,160	24,350	25,156	23,701	23,058	23,942	1,459	1,292	1,214	5.8	5.3	4.8
STATE TOTAL	349,325	345,747	342,453	330,716	328,779	326,059	18,609	16,968	16,394	5.3	4.9	4.8

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month June 1985	Previous Month May 1985	One Year Ago June 1984	Percent Change From May 1985	Percent Change From June 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	114,783	115,373	115,309	-0.5	-0.5
Employment	106,370	106,960	107,081	-0.6	-0.7
Unemployment	8,413	8,413	8,228	-0-	2.2
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	7.3%	7.1%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	349,330	345,750	342,450	1.0	2.0
Employment	330,720	328,780	326,060	0.6	1.4
Unemployment	18,610	16,970	16,390	9.7	13.5
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	4.9%	4.8%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	80,170	80,370	76,880	-0.2	4.3
Employment	77,210	77,560	73,910	-0.5	4.5
Unemployment	2,960	2,810	2,970	5.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	31,700	32,480	29,560	-2.4	7.2
Employment	30,600	31,370	28,260	-2.5	8.3
Unemployment	1,100	1,110	1,300	-0.9	-15.4
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.4%	4.4%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,440	43,270	43,930	2.7	1.2
Employment	41,520	40,660	41,170	2.1	0.9
Unemployment	2,920	2,610	2,760	11.9	5.8
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.0%	6.3%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MAY 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	345.8	356.2	2,232.8	417.0
Employment	328.8	338.2	2,126.0	390.4
Unemployment	17.0	18.0	106.8	26.6
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.8	6.4

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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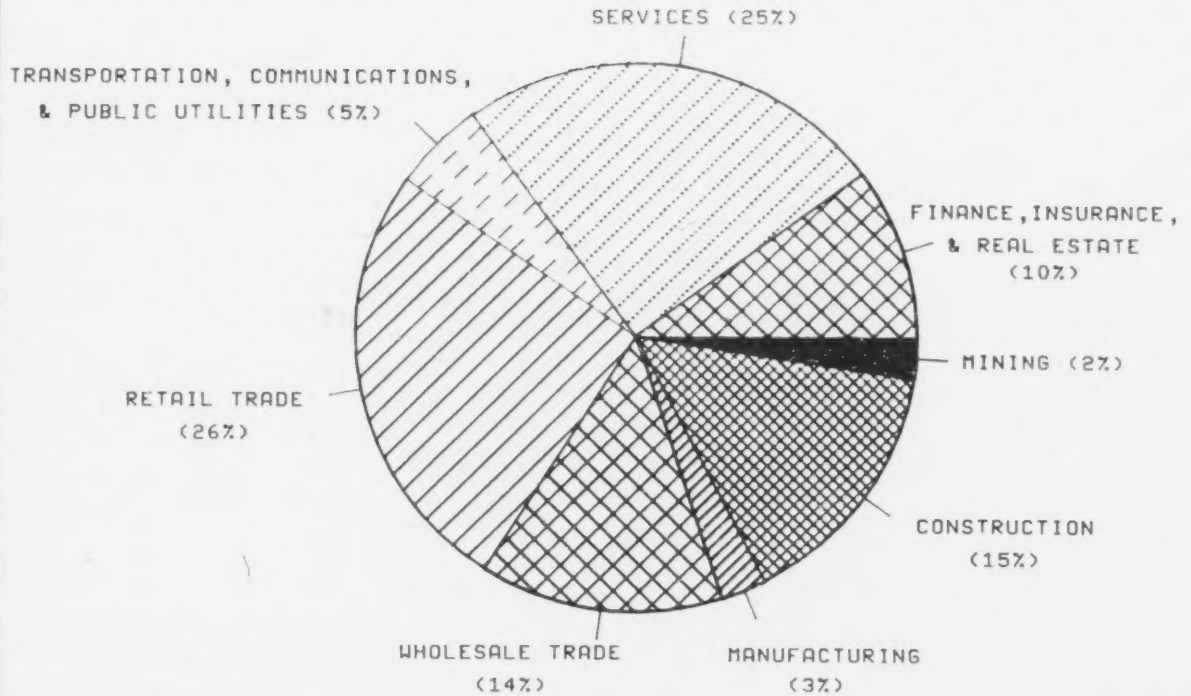

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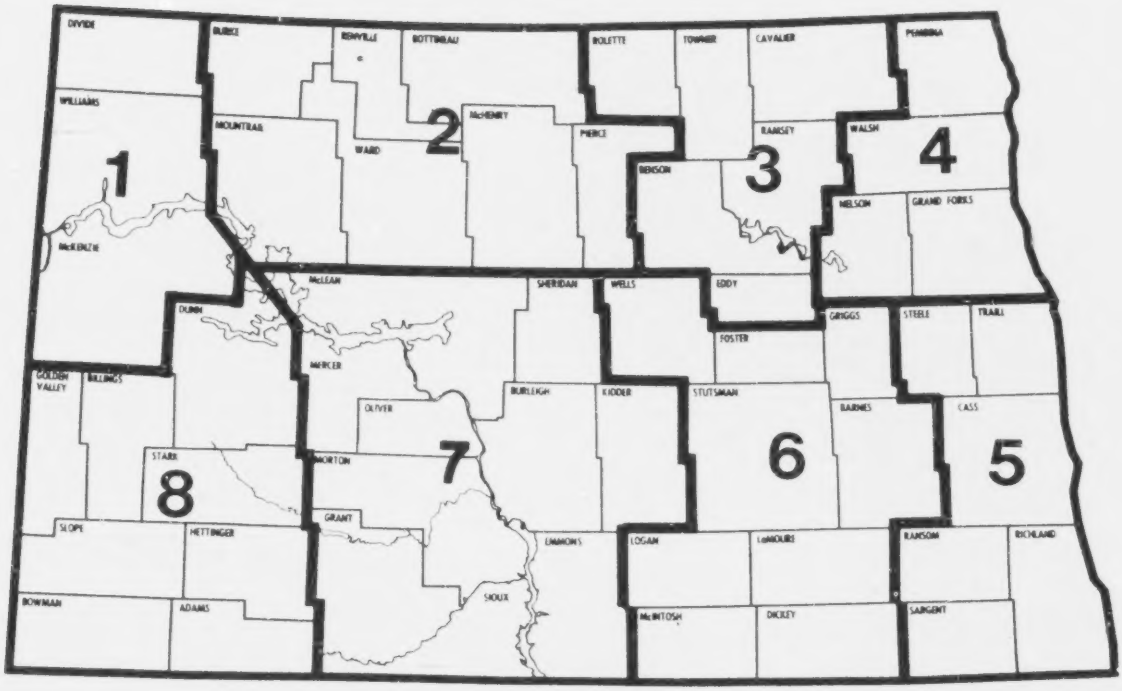

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Employment and labor force estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

HOW "BIG" OR "SMALL" ARE NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYERS?

North Dakota, with its vast open areas, is dotted with small towns from border to border. The towns, and the businesses located there, serve the people in these rural areas. Because most of these small town businesses have limited clientele, nearly all have only a few employees. But small employers can also be found in our major cities. Some operate small businesses because they enjoy their independence. Others, unable to find gainful employment in their field of work, have established their own business.

Although everyone is aware that there are many small employers in the state, it is still surprising to see the actual numbers. Based on data from the first quarter of 1985, there were 18,829 (nongovernment) employers in North Dakota covered by unemployment insurance. Over 10,000 or 55 percent had three or less employees! There were nearly 5,000 additional employers that had from four to nine workers on their payrolls. Combined, this group of North Dakota employers accounted for 81 percent of the employers in the state. However, they employ only 24 percent of the workers. Total earnings during this quarter were $656 million with $133 million (20 percent) paid by employers with less than ten employees. Conversely, 19 percent of the North Dakota employers had ten or more workers accounting for 76 percent of the employment and 80 percent of the wages.

When you think of small firms, one of the first examples to come to mind are the retail establishments on Main Street or specialty shops in the shopping malls. As a matter of fact, 78 percent of all retail firms in the state had less than ten employees in March 1985. The small firm is not limited to just retail trade, but can be found in all industries. A good example is the construction industry where 91 percent of the firms employ less than ten workers. Another area is services where 3,643 firms out of 4,454 fall into this category.

Whether it is the beautician with a neighborhood shop, the trucker who buys additional trucks, or the carpenter that decides to contract and build houses on his own, all may hire a few workers. The predominance of small businesses in North Dakota demonstrates the free enterprise system at work.

Some basic information on the distribution of the employers in North Dakota, by the number of workers they employ, is listed below. The number of employers and total wages are based on the first quarter of 1985, while employment is for the month of March.

Employment Size	Number Firms	March Employment	First Quarter 1985 Payroll
0-3	10,283	13,330	$ 40,724,882
4-9	4,949	28,825	91,943,232
10-19	1,920	25,795	94,242,139
20-49	1,119	33,486	118,550,987
50-99	343	23,261	83,406,137
100-249	163	23,726	102,311,960
250-499	36	12,272	57,008,166
500-999	12	9,103	47,103,608
1,000 & Over	4	5,460	20,427,558
Total	18,829	175,258	$655,718,669

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month July 1985	Previous Month June 1985	One Year Ago July 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago June 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago July 1984
TOTAL	253,070	254,930	253,460	-0.7	-0.2
MINING	7,190	7,210	7,770	-0.3	-7.5
Coal	1,470	1,460	1,230	0.7	19.5
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,180	5,250	5,960	-1.3	-13.1
Other Mining	540	500	580	8.0	-6.9
CONSTRUCTION	13,270	12,910	16,140	2.8	-17.8
Building Construction	3,620	3,440	4,230	5.2	-14.4
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	4,180	4,020	5,220	4.0	-19.9
Special Trade Construction	5,470	5,450	6,690	0.4	-18.2
MANUFACTURING	15,810	15,760	15,450	0.3	2.3
Durable Goods	6,690	6,630	6,810	0.9	-1.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass	990	970	1,040	2.1	-4.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	800	790	740	1.3	8.1
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,880	3,860	3,970	0.5	-2.3
Other Durable Goods	1,020	1,010	1,060	1.0	-3.8
Nondurable Goods	9,120	9,130	8,640	-0.1	5.6
Food & Kindred Products	4,380	4,380	3,920	-0-	11.7
Dairy Products	1,010	1,000	970	1.0	4.1
Food Specialties Confectionery Products	1,360	1,410	980	-3.5	38.8
Bakery Products	450	450	440	-0-	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,560	1,520	1,530	2.6	2.0
Printing & Publishing	2,480	2,480	2,410	-0-	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods	2,260	2,270	2,310	-0.4	-2.2
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,650	16,720	16,360	-0.4	1.8
Transportation	7,830	7,870	7,830	-0.5	-0-
Trucking & Warehousing	4,340	4,380	4,350	-0.9	-0.2
Other Transportation	3,490	3,490	3,480	-0-	0.3
Communications	3,480	3,480	3,360	-0-	3.6
Public Utilities	5,340	5,370	5,170	-0.6	3.3

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month July 1985	Previous Month June 1985	One Year Ago July 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago June 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago July 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,690	20,720	20,990	-0.1	-1.4
Durable Goods	10,310	10,270	10,580	0.4	-2.6
Nondurable Goods	10,380	10,450	10,410	-0.7	-0.3
RETAIL TRADE	48,970	48,730	47,700	0.5	2.7
General Merchandise	5,950	5,750	5,680	3.5	4.8
Food Stores	6,370	6,370	6,320	-0-	0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,930	6,920	6,730	0.1	3.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,860	2,840	2,860	0.7	-0-
Other Retail	26,860	26,850	26,110	-0-	2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,530	12,530	12,320	-0-	1.7
Finance	6,880	6,890	6,760	-0.1	1.8
Banking	4,360	4,350	4,380	0.2	-0.5
Other Finance	2,520	2,540	2,380	-0.8	5.9
Insurance	3,720	3,720	3,660	-0-	1.6
Real Estate	1,930	1,920	1,900	0.5	1.6
SERVICES	57,950	58,170	57,630	-0.4	0.6
Lodging	4,360	4,380	4,680	-0.5	-6.8
Nursing & Personal Care	6,090	6,100	5,930	-0.2	2.7
Hospitals	12,670	12,750	13,230	-0.6	-4.2
Other Medical	6,480	6,460	6,090	0.3	6.4
Other Services	28,350	28,480	27,700	-0.5	2.3
GOVERNMENT	60,010	62,180	59,100	-3.5	1.5
Federal	9,550	9,530	9,480	0.2	0.7
State Government	17,530	17,970	16,790	-2.4	4.4
Educational Services	10,090	10,660	9,560	-5.3	5.5
Other State Government	7,440	7,310	7,230	1.8	2.9
Local Government	32,930	34,680	32,830	-5.0	0.3
Educational Services	12,950	15,140	13,060	-14.5	-0.8
Other Local Government	19,980	19,540	19,770	2.3	1.1

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month July 1985	Previous Month June 1985	One Year Ago July 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago June 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago July 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,570	66,920	63,680	-0.5	4.5
Mining & Construction	3,960	3,780	3,870	4.8	2.3
Manufacturing	4,910	4,850	4,940	1.2	-0.6
Durable Goods	2,140	2,110	2,210	1.4	-3.2
Nondurable Goods	2,770	2,740	2,730	1.1	1.5
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,980	3,970	3,930	0.3	1.3
Trade	20,630	20,730	19,690	-0.5	4.8
Wholesale Trade	7,050	7,020	6,850	0.4	2.9
Retail Trade	13,580	13,710	12,840	-0.9	5.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,390	4,350	4,130	0.9	6.3
Services	16,840	16,790	16,250	0.3	3.6
Government	11,860	12,450	10,870	-4.7	9.1
Federal	2,070	2,060	2,000	0.5	3.5
State & Local	9,790	10,390	8,870	-5.8	10.4
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,760	27,760	26,320	-0-	5.5
Mining & Construction	1,670	1,560	1,620	7.1	3.1
Manufacturing	1,480	1,530	1,050	-3.3	41.0
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	-0-	-0-
Trade	8,360	8,400	7,690	-0.5	8.7
Wholesale Trade	1,420	1,430	1,400	-0.7	1.4
Retail Trade	6,940	6,970	6,290	-0.4	10.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,080	1,110	1,050	-2.7	2.9
Services	5,880	5,890	5,950	-0.2	-1.2
Government	7,790	7,770	7,460	0.3	4.4
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,180	36,570	35,710	-1.1	1.3
Mining	240	240	230	-0-	4.3
Construction	1,860	1,820	2,120	2.2	-12.3
Manufacturing	2,010	2,000	2,090	0.5	-3.8
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,850	2,850	2,870	-0-	-0.7
Trade	9,920	9,670	9,640	2.6	2.9
Wholesale Trade	2,610	2,620	2,570	-0.4	1.6
Retail Trade	7,310	7,050	7,070	3.7	3.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,710	1,700	1,710	0.6	-0-
Services	9,880	9,960	9,510	-0.8	3.9
Government	7,710	8,330	7,540	-7.4	2.3

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month July 1985	Previous Month June 1985	One Year Ago July 1984	Percent Change From June 1985	Percent Change From July 1984
All Items	311.1	322.8	322.3	311.7	0.2	3.6
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.6	301.4	295.3	0.1	2.1
Housing	336.5	351.6	350.4	338.1	0.3	4.0
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	202.8	204.6	196.6	-0.9	3.2
Transportation	311.7	321.8	321.8	312.9	-0-	2.8
Medical Care	379.5	404.0	401.7	380.3	0.6	6.2
Entertainment	255.1	265.7	264.8	255.3	0.3	4.1

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month July 1985	Previous Month June 1985	One Year Ago July 1984	Percent Change From June 1985	Percent Change From July 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.0	309.5	311.9	-0.2	-0.9
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	250.0	249.1	264.9	0.4	-5.6
Industrial Commodities	322.6	324.3	325.2	323.9	-0.3	0.1

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	382.15	385.70	369.95	40.1	40.6	40.3	9.53	9.50	9.18
Durable Goods	410.66	417.31	396.73	40.7	41.4	40.9	10.09	10.08	9.70
Nondurable Goods	343.96	342.94	331.35	39.4	39.6	39.4	8.73	8.66	8.41
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	310.31	310.83	304.10	38.5	39.0	38.3	8.06	7.97	7.94
Durable Goods	334.32	333.60	334.06	39.8	40.0	40.2	8.40	8.34	8.31
Nondurable Goods	291.75	293.76	281.18	37.5	38.2	36.9	7.78	7.69	7.62
Food & Kindred	316.11	313.12	312.78	41.0	41.2	39.0	7.71	7.60	8.02
Printing & Publishing	265.68	263.25	248.51	32.4	32.5	32.4	8.20	8.10	7.67
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	315.75	312.75	313.50	37.5	37.5	37.5	8.42	8.34	8.36
Durable Goods	321.09	319.10	332.26	38.5	38.4	38.5	8.34	8.31	8.63
Nondurable Goods	312.06	307.65	299.92	36.8	36.8	36.8	8.48	8.36	8.15

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984
Divide	2,117	1,898	2,028	2,036	1,832	1,970	81	66	58	3.8	3.5	2.9
McKenzie	4,642	4,237	4,413	4,427	4,045	4,284	215	192	129	4.6	4.5	2.9
Williams	16,280	15,635	15,671	15,264	14,688	15,223	1,016	947	448	6.2	6.1	2.9
REGION 1 TOTAL	23,039	21,770	22,112	21,727	20,565	21,477	1,312	1,205	635	5.7	5.5	2.9
Bottineau	5,160	4,806	4,779	4,856	4,504	4,621	304	302	158	5.9	6.3	3.3
Burke	2,381	2,165	2,289	2,245	2,051	2,191	136	114	98	5.7	5.3	4.3
McHenry	3,930	3,669	3,895	3,547	3,296	3,515	383	373	380	9.7	10.2	9.8
Mountrail	4,159	3,988	4,195	3,864	3,726	3,919	295	262	276	7.1	6.6	6.6
Pierce	3,624	3,450	3,587	3,483	3,307	3,497	141	143	90	3.9	4.1	2.5
Renville	1,954	1,751	1,847	1,846	1,658	1,773	108	93	74	5.5	5.3	4.0
Ward	27,011	26,652	27,109	25,423	25,046	25,880	1,588	1,606	1,229	5.9	6.0	4.5
REGION 2 TOTAL	48,219	46,481	47,701	45,264	43,588	45,396	2,955	2,893	2,305	6.1	6.2	4.8
Benson	3,923	3,671	3,757	3,594	3,392	3,432	329	279	325	8.4	7.6	8.7
Cavalier	4,285	3,913	4,140	4,055	3,699	3,982	230	214	158	5.4	5.5	3.8
Eddy	1,984	1,890	2,034	1,874	1,761	1,916	110	129	118	5.5	6.8	5.8
Ramsey	7,557	7,489	7,573	7,212	7,107	7,260	345	382	313	4.6	5.1	4.1
Rolette	5,533	5,380	5,441	4,804	4,670	4,791	729	710	650	13.2	13.2	11.9
Towner	2,681	2,434	2,619	2,603	2,377	2,561	78	57	58	2.9	2.3	2.2
REGION 3 TOTAL	25,963	24,777	25,564	24,142	23,006	23,942	1,821	1,771	1,622	7.0	7.1	6.3
Grand Forks	32,236	31,718	29,652	31,134	30,623	28,355	1,102	1,095	1,297	3.4	3.5	4.4
Nelson	3,203	2,971	3,103	3,066	2,828	2,992	137	143	111	4.3	4.8	3.6
Pembina	6,940	6,430	6,836	6,451	6,004	6,316	489	426	520	7.0	6.6	7.6
Walsh	10,104	9,468	9,710	9,602	9,001	9,266	502	467	444	5.0	4.9	4.6
REGION 4 TOTAL	52,483	50,587	49,301	50,253	48,456	46,929	2,230	2,131	2,372	4.2	4.2	4.8
Cass	52,292	51,791	48,041	50,481	50,022	46,479	1,811	1,769	1,562	3.5	3.4	3.3
Ransom	3,345	3,400	3,329	3,231	3,284	3,225	114	116	104	3.4	3.4	3.1
Richland	10,241	9,997	10,271	9,673	9,443	9,903	568	554	368	5.5	5.5	3.6
Sargent	3,183	2,935	3,035	3,051	2,809	2,914	132	126	121	4.1	4.3	4.0
Steele	1,745	1,560	1,695	1,698	1,522	1,663	47	38	32	2.7	2.4	1.9
Traill	5,337	5,000	5,430	5,029	4,789	5,169	308	211	261	5.8	4.2	4.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	76,143	74,683	71,801	73,163	71,869	69,353	2,980	2,814	2,448	3.9	3.8	3.4

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984
Barnes	7,014	6,579	6,819	6,646	6,245	6,504	368	334	315	5.2	5.1	4.6
Dickey	3,995	3,846	3,989	3,872	3,709	3,903	123	137	86	3.1	3.6	2.2
Foster	2,466	2,367	2,424	2,371	2,255	2,334	95	112	90	3.9	4.7	3.7
Griggs	2,032	1,905	1,977	1,962	1,839	1,946	70	66	31	3.4	3.5	1.6
La Moure	3,096	2,855	3,066	2,989	2,749	3,012	107	106	54	3.5	3.7	1.8
Logan	1,852	1,755	1,864	1,792	1,701	1,822	60	54	42	3.2	3.1	2.3
McIntosh	2,749	2,543	2,689	2,664	2,492	2,633	85	51	56	3.1	2.0	2.1
Stutsman	13,096	12,672	13,072	12,533	12,116	12,567	563	556	505	4.3	4.4	3.9
Wells	4,008	3,751	3,921	3,835	3,563	3,765	173	188	156	4.3	5.0	4.0
REGION 6 TOTAL	40,308	38,273	39,821	38,664	36,669	38,486	1,644	1,604	1,335	4.1	4.2	3.4
Burleigh	30,320	30,477	30,422	28,650	28,532	28,736	1,670	1,945	1,686	5.5	6.4	5.5
Emmons	3,049	2,753	3,028	2,884	2,612	2,827	165	141	201	5.4	5.1	6.6
Grant	2,253	1,988	2,139	2,126	1,885	2,056	127	103	83	5.6	5.2	3.9
Kidder	1,871	1,720	1,860	1,768	1,618	1,744	103	102	116	5.5	5.9	6.2
McLean	6,460	6,047	6,545	5,946	5,546	5,953	514	501	592	8.0	8.3	9.0
Mercer	6,915	6,640	8,666	6,213	5,991	7,981	702	649	685	10.2	9.8	7.9
Morton	13,932	13,971	14,100	13,049	12,995	13,088	883	976	1,012	6.3	7.0	7.2
Oliver	1,411	1,312	1,474	1,292	1,222	1,386	119	90	88	8.4	6.9	6.0
Sheridan	1,573	1,382	1,494	1,508	1,331	1,459	65	51	35	4.1	3.7	2.3
Sioux	1,486	1,483	1,480	1,301	1,319	1,331	185	164	149	12.4	11.1	10.1
REGION 7 TOTAL	69,270	67,773	71,208	64,737	63,051	66,561	4,533	4,722	4,647	6.5	7.0	6.5
Adams	2,350	2,197	2,355	2,305	2,154	2,301	45	43	54	1.9	2.0	2.3
Billings	1,217	1,063	1,233	1,196	1,041	1,215	21	22	18	1.7	2.1	1.5
Bowman	2,519	2,421	2,471	2,423	2,302	2,415	96	119	56	3.8	4.9	2.3
Dunn	2,505	2,231	2,487	2,310	2,061	2,318	195	170	169	7.8	7.6	6.8
Golden Valley	1,495	1,408	1,468	1,410	1,319	1,414	85	89	54	5.7	6.3	3.7
Hettinger	2,214	2,023	2,202	2,141	1,950	2,129	73	73	73	3.3	3.6	3.3
Slope	732	652	699	677	596	676	55	56	23	7.5	8.6	3.3
Stark	13,300	13,088	13,540	12,423	12,190	12,921	877	898	619	6.6	6.9	4.6
REGION 8 TOTAL	26,332	25,083	26,455	24,885	23,613	25,389	1,447	1,470	1,066	5.5	5.9	4.0
STATE TOTAL	361,757	349,427	353,963	342,835	330,817	337,533	18,922	18,610	16,430	5.2	5.3	4.6

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month July 1985	Previous Month June 1985	One Year Ago July 1984	Percent Change From June 1985	Percent Change From July 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,018	114,783	115,566	1.9	1.3
Employment	108,567	106,370	107,075	2.1	1.4
Unemployment	8,451	8,413	8,491	0.5	-0.5
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.3%	7.3%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	361,760	349,430	353,960	3.5	2.2
Employment	342,840	330,820	337,530	3.6	1.6
Unemployment	18,920	18,610	16,430	1.7	15.2
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.3%	4.6%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	80,810	80,180	76,690	0.8	5.4
Employment	77,870	77,220	73,620	0.8	5.8
Unemployment	2,940	2,960	3,070	-0.7	-4.2
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,230	31,720	29,660	1.6	8.7
Employment	31,130	30,620	28,360	1.7	9.8
Unemployment	1,100	1,100	1,300	-0-	-15.4
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.5%	4.4%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,250	44,450	44,520	-0.4	-0.6
Employment	41,700	41,530	41,820	0.4	-0.3
Unemployment	2,550	2,920	2,700	-12.7	-5.6
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	6.6%	6.1%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JUNE 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	349.4	364.9	2,267.1	426.6
Employment	330.8	345.6	2,154.5	397.6
Unemployment	18.6	19.3	112.6	29.0
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	5.0	6.8

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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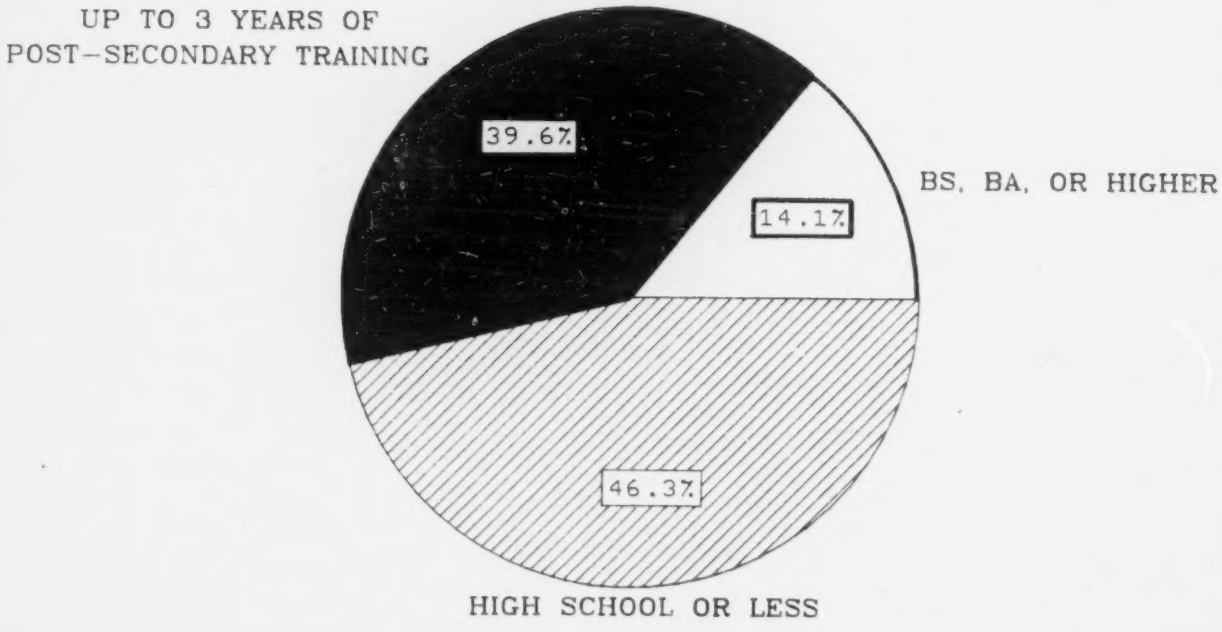

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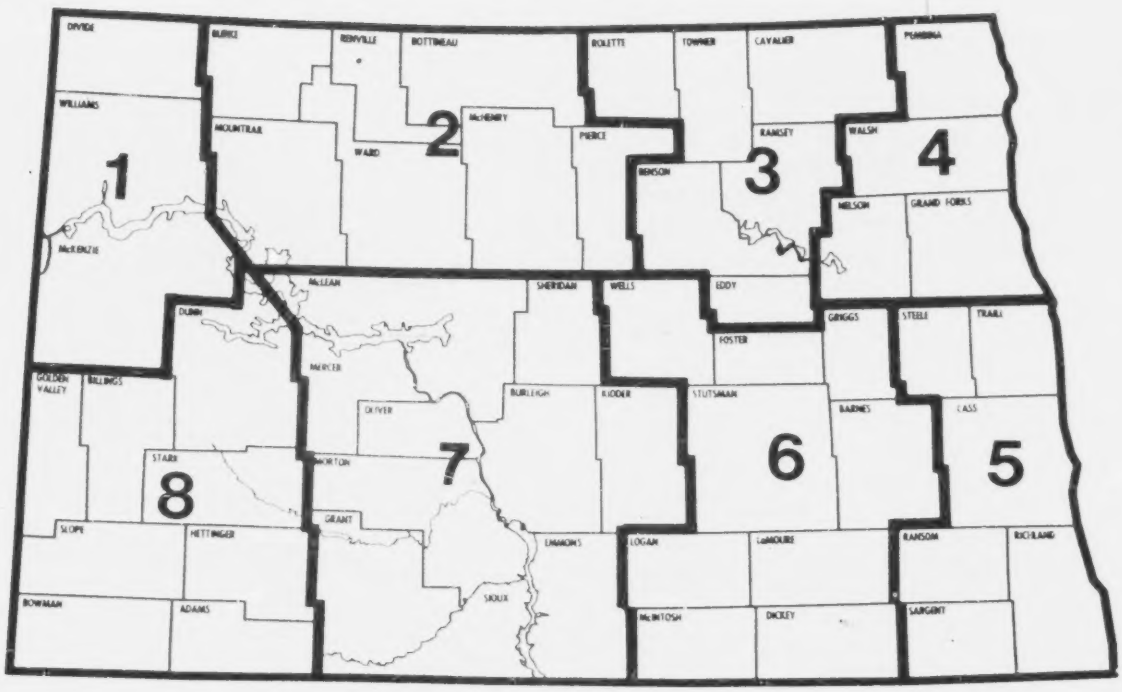

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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LABOR MARKET INFORMATION FOR CAREER PLANNERS

Providing labor market information in a meaningful manner requires presentation of the information in different ways and/or formats. Tables, charts, and graphs fit the needs of many users (such as a statistician), whereas others could more readily use summary interpretations. Persons who are planning careers or making career adjustments require not only a unique interpretation of labor market information but also an individualized career planning process. High school students make up the majority of this group, but an ever-increasing number of adults are entering this category due to layoffs, family status, or economic needs. Labor market information should be the starting point for persons planning careers. But, in addition to employment outlook, they need to know what occupations exist that match their interests, what training is required, and other occupational particulars that will lead them to a well planned and individually tailored career decision.

Interfacing labor market information with occupational characteristics information and related information that would prepare a person for a particular occupation is known as career information. Career counselors in all settings, such as employment centers, rehabilitation centers, high schools or colleges, have always had a tremendous need for career information, but it was never available in a single publication. National publications were available, but career information, speaking specifically about North Dakota, was an unmet need.

In an effort to meet this need, a publication was initiated three years ago called The Career Outlook. The North Dakota Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (NDOICC), of which Job Service is a member, published and distributed 50,000 copies of The Career Outlook across the state for career counselors to use in working with their students/clients. The third edition of the publication is currently at the press.

The Career Outlook has three basic components with the main one being specific information on over 300 occupations that either exist in North Dakota or would be of interest to a North Dakotan planning a career. The other components of the 36-page, tabloid-size newspaper include job search/self-assessment articles and an extensive reference section to agencies, groups, or other sources where additional career information can be obtained.

For additional information or free copies of The Career Outlook, contact the NDOICC office at (701)-224-2733 or write:

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month Aug. 1985	Previous Month July 1985	One Year Ago Aug. 1984	Percent Change From: One Month Ago July 1985	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Aug. 1984
TOTAL	252,140	254,040	253,420	-0.7	-0.5
MINING	7,030	7,090	7,960	-0.8	-11.7
Coal	1,380	1,380	1,360	-0-	1.5
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,100	5,180	6,010	-1.5	-15.1
Other Mining	550	530	590	3.8	-6.8
CONSTRUCTION	13,220	13,130	16,420	0.7	-19.5
Building Construction	3,750	3,660	4,390	2.5	-14.6
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,840	3,930	5,170	-2.3	-25.7
Special Trade Construction	5,630	5,540	6,860	1.6	-17.9
MANUFACTURING	15,360	15,580	15,160	-1.4	1.3
Durable Goods	6,570	6,460	6,570	1.7	-0-
Stone, Clay, & Glass	970	990	1,020	-2.0	-4.9
Primary & Fabricated Metals	790	800	760	-1.2	3.9
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,810	3,650	3,740	4.4	1.9
Other Durable Goods	1,000	1,020	1,050	-2.0	-4.8
Nondurable Goods	8,790	9,120	8,590	-3.6	2.3
Food & Kindred Products	4,120	4,380	3,950	-5.9	4.3
Dairy Products	950	1,010	940	-5.9	1.1
Food Specialties Confectionery Products	1,090	1,360	1,020	-19.9	6.9
Bakery Products	450	450	440	-0-	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,630	1,560	1,550	4.5	5.2
Printing & Publishing	2,480	2,480	2,430	-0-	2.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2,190	2,260	2,210	-3.1	-0.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,630	16,620	16,530	0.1	0.6
Transportation	7,860	7,830	7,920	0.4	-0.8
Trucking & Warehousing	4,370	4,340	4,410	0.7	-0.9
Other Transportation	3,490	3,490	3,510	-0-	-0.6
Communications	3,460	3,450	3,430	0.3	0.9
Public Utilities	5,310	5,340	5,180	-0.6	2.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month Aug. 1985	Previous Month July 1985	One Year Ago Aug. 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago July 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago Aug. 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,740	20,690	21,060	0.2	-1.5
Durable Goods	10,320	10,310	10,590	0.1	-2.5
Nondurable Goods	10,420	10,380	10,470	0.4	-0.5
RETAIL TRADE	49,050	48,910	48,000	0.3	2.2
General Merchandise	5,920	5,890	5,840	0.5	1.4
Food Stores	6,400	6,370	6,400	0.5	-0-
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,950	6,930	6,740	0.3	3.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,930	2,860	2,930	2.4	-0-
Other Retail	26,850	26,860	26,090	-0-	2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,520	12,530	12,340	-0.1	1.5
Finance	6,890	6,880	6,790	0.1	1.5
Banking	4,370	4,360	4,390	0.2	-0.5
Other Finance	2,520	2,520	2,400	-0-	5.0
Insurance	3,710	3,720	3,660	-0.3	1.4
Real Estate	1,920	1,930	1,890	-0.5	1.6
SERVICES	58,100	58,020	57,730	0.1	0.6
Lodging	4,390	4,350	4,640	0.9	-5.4
Nursing & Personal Care	6,150	6,090	6,020	1.0	2.2
Hospitals	12,640	12,670	13,210	-0.2	-4.3
Other Medical	6,540	6,510	6,140	0.5	6.5
Other Services	28,380	28,400	27,720	-0.1	2.4
GOVERNMENT	59,490	61,470	58,220	-3.2	2.2
Federal	9,570	9,620	9,390	-0.5	1.9
State Government	16,680	17,730	16,750	-5.9	-0.4
Educational Services	9,370	10,200	9,690	-8.1	-3.3
Other State Government	7,310	7,530	7,060	-2.9	3.5
Local Government	33,240	34,120	32,080	-2.6	3.6
Educational Services	13,030	13,520	12,680	-3.6	2.8
Other Local Government	20,210	20,600	19,400	-1.9	4.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month Aug. 1985	Previous Month July 1985	One Year Ago Aug. 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago July 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago Aug. 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,090	66,900	63,550	-1.2	4.0
Mining & Construction	4,020	3,960	3,990	1.5	0.8
Manufacturing	4,920	4,750	5,020	3.6	-2.0
Durable Goods	2,050	1,930	2,260	6.2	-9.3
Nondurable Goods	2,870	2,820	2,760	1.8	4.0
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,980	3,980	3,950	-0-	0.8
Trade	20,680	20,660	19,720	0.1	4.9
Wholesale Trade	7,040	7,050	6,840	-0.1	2.9
Retail Trade	13,640	13,610	12,880	0.2	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,410	4,400	4,160	0.2	6.0
Services	16,900	16,950	16,190	-0.3	4.4
Government	11,180	12,200	10,520	-8.4	6.3
Federal	2,110	2,090	2,000	1.0	5.5
State & Local	9,070	10,110	8,520	-10.3	6.5
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,660	27,970	26,820	-1.1	3.1
Mining & Construction	1,760	1,710	1,690	2.9	4.1
Manufacturing	1,120	1,480	1,070	-24.3	4.7
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,510	1,500	1,510	0.7	-0-
Trade	8,460	8,370	7,830	1.1	8.0
Wholesale Trade	1,430	1,430	1,420	-0-	0.7
Retail Trade	7,030	6,940	6,410	1.3	9.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,110	1,080	1,070	2.8	3.7
Services	5,890	5,890	5,970	-0-	-1.3
Government	7,810	7,940	7,680	-1.6	1.7
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,240	36,300	35,560	-0.2	1.9
Mining	240	240	230	-0-	4.3
Construction	1,880	1,860	2,140	1.1	-12.1
Manufacturing	2,010	2,020	1,920	-0.5	4.7
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,830	2,840	2,870	-0.4	-1.4
Trade	9,950	9,890	9,720	0.6	2.4
Wholesale Trade	2,630	2,610	2,590	0.8	1.5
Retail Trade	7,320	7,280	7,130	0.5	2.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,710	1,710	1,700	-0-	0.6
Services	9,810	9,870	9,550	-0.6	2.7
Government	7,810	7,870	7,430	-0.8	5.1

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Aug. 1985	Previous Month July 1985	One Year Ago Aug. 1984	Percent Change From July 1985	Percent Change From Aug. 1984
All Items	311.1	323.5	322.8	313.0	0.2	3.4
Food & Beverage	295.1	301.8	301.6	296.9	0.1	1.7
Housing	336.5	352.9	351.6	339.5	0.4	3.9
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	205.3	202.8	200.1	1.2	2.6
Transportation	311.7	320.7	321.8	312.9	-0.3	2.5
Medical Care	379.5	406.6	404.0	381.9	0.6	6.5
Entertainment	255.1	265.7	265.7	256.4	-0-	3.6

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Aug. 1985	Previous Month July 1985	One Year Ago Aug. 1984	Percent Change From July 1985	Percent Change From Aug. 1984
All Commodities	310.3	307.2	309.0	310.9	-0.6	-1.2
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	244.4	250.0	261.6	-2.2	-6.6
Industrial Commodities	322.6	323.6	324.3	323.5	-0.2	-0-

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	383.80	381.75	369.66	40.4	40.1	40.4	9.50	9.52	9.15
Durable Goods	412.68	410.06	397.70	40.9	40.6	41.0	10.09	10.10	9.70
Nondurable Goods	344.20	341.91	331.45	39.7	39.3	39.6	8.67	8.70	8.37
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	306.18	303.69	304.96	37.8	38.2	38.7	8.10	7.95	7.88
Durable Goods	329.08	325.05	327.23	39.6	39.4	40.2	8.31	8.25	8.14
Nondurable Goods	288.65	288.73	288.02	36.4	37.4	37.6	7.93	7.72	7.66
Food & Kindred	325.48	322.18	319.06	39.5	41.2	39.1	8.24	7.82	8.16
Printing & Publishing	267.26	262.26	251.90	32.2	32.1	32.8	8.30	8.17	7.68
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	314.91	316.42	321.92	37.4	38.4	38.6	8.42	8.24	8.34
Durable Goods	318.34	312.37	329.73	38.4	38.9	39.3	8.29	8.03	8.39
Nondurable Goods	312.32	318.90	315.40	36.7	38.1	38.0	8.51	8.37	8.30

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
Divide	2,214	2,120	2,090	2,151	2,039	2,036	63	81	54	2.8	3.8	2.6
McKenzie	4,704	4,644	4,455	4,543	4,429	4,361	161	215	94	3.4	4.6	2.1
Williams	16,118	16,294	15,816	15,222	15,276	15,353	896	1,018	463	5.6	6.2	2.9
REGION 1 TOTAL	23,036	23,058	22,361	21,916	21,744	21,750	1,120	1,314	611	4.9	5.7	2.7
Bottineau	5,199	5,164	4,955	4,929	4,860	4,770	270	304	185	5.2	5.9	3.7
Burke	2,472	2,383	2,337	2,323	2,247	2,247	149	136	90	6.0	5.7	3.9
McHenry	3,980	3,934	3,986	3,652	3,551	3,655	328	383	331	8.2	9.7	8.3
Mountrail	4,256	4,162	4,287	3,974	3,867	4,036	282	295	251	6.6	7.1	5.9
Pierce	3,656	3,628	3,655	3,546	3,486	3,554	110	142	101	3.0	3.9	2.8
Renville	2,003	1,956	1,926	1,902	1,848	1,842	101	108	84	5.0	5.5	4.4
Ward	26,488	27,055	26,872	25,032	25,462	25,722	1,456	1,593	1,150	5.5	5.9	4.3
REGION 2 TOTAL	48,054	48,282	48,018	45,358	45,321	45,826	2,696	2,961	2,192	5.6	6.1	4.6
Benson	4,059	3,928	3,855	3,759	3,599	3,555	300	329	300	7.4	8.4	7.8
Cavalier	4,344	4,288	4,277	4,172	4,058	4,148	172	230	129	4.0	5.4	3.0
Eddy	2,017	1,985	2,064	1,920	1,875	1,960	97	110	104	4.8	5.5	5.0
Ramsey	7,655	7,568	7,651	7,363	7,223	7,369	292	345	282	3.8	4.6	3.7
Rolette	5,468	5,541	5,444	4,849	4,812	4,853	619	729	591	11.3	13.2	10.9
Towner	2,797	2,684	2,737	2,722	2,606	2,689	75	78	48	2.7	2.9	1.8
REGION 3 TOTAL	26,340	25,994	26,028	24,785	24,173	24,574	1,555	1,821	1,454	5.9	7.0	5.6
Grand Forks	32,236	32,396	30,149	31,026	31,293	28,990	1,210	1,103	1,159	3.8	3.4	3.8
Nelson	3,300	3,204	3,188	3,178	3,067	3,083	122	137	105	3.7	4.3	3.3
Pembina	6,969	6,943	6,930	6,497	6,456	6,517	472	487	413	6.8	7.0	6.0
Walsh	10,295	10,117	9,835	9,832	9,614	9,426	463	503	409	4.5	5.0	4.2
REGION 4 TOTAL	52,800	52,660	50,102	50,533	50,430	48,016	2,267	2,230	2,086	4.3	4.2	4.2
Cass	51,663	52,450	47,638	49,996	50,637	46,435	1,667	1,813	1,203	3.2	3.5	2.5
Ransom	3,408	3,347	3,444	3,297	3,233	3,346	111	114	98	3.3	3.4	2.8
Richland	10,265	10,252	10,396	9,691	9,684	10,055	574	568	341	5.6	5.5	3.3
Sargent	3,239	3,185	3,092	3,119	3,053	2,991	120	132	101	3.7	4.1	3.3
Steele	1,793	1,747	1,763	1,750	1,700	1,736	43	47	27	2.4	2.7	1.5
Traill	5,408	5,344	5,417	5,099	5,036	5,185	309	308	232	5.7	5.8	4.3
REGION 5 TOTAL	75,776	76,325	71,750	72,952	73,343	69,748	2,824	2,982	2,002	3.7	3.9	2.8

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
Barnes	7,014	7,023	6,880	6,709	6,655	6,585	305	368	295	4.3	5.2	4.3
Dickey	4,039	3,999	4,093	3,920	3,875	4,004	119	124	89	2.9	3.1	2.2
Foster	2,494	2,467	2,474	2,411	2,372	2,388	83	95	86	3.3	3.9	3.5
Griggs	2,081	2,034	2,061	2,022	1,964	2,015	59	70	46	2.8	3.4	2.2
La Moure	3,173	3,101	3,160	3,088	2,994	3,108	85	107	52	2.7	3.5	1.6
Logan	1,927	1,853	1,934	1,863	1,793	1,896	64	60	38	3.3	3.2	2.0
McIntosh	2,814	2,752	2,754	2,732	2,667	2,697	82	85	57	2.9	3.1	2.1
Stutsman	13,061	13,110	13,164	12,598	12,546	12,693	463	564	471	3.5	4.3	3.6
Wells	4,125	4,010	3,976	3,958	3,837	3,836	167	173	140	4.0	4.3	3.5
REGION 6 TOTAL	40,728	40,349	40,496	39,301	38,703	39,222	1,427	1,646	1,274	3.5	4.1	3.1
Burleigh	30,362	30,358	30,765	28,530	28,688	29,059	1,832	1,670	1,706	6.0	5.5	5.5
Emmons	3,109	3,049	3,120	2,969	2,884	2,932	140	165	188	4.5	5.4	6.0
Grant	2,311	2,255	2,226	2,210	2,128	2,150	101	127	76	4.4	5.6	3.4
Kidder	1,888	1,873	1,944	1,797	1,769	1,830	91	104	114	4.8	5.6	5.9
McLean	6,554	6,467	6,630	6,082	5,953	6,090	472	514	540	7.2	7.9	8.1
Mercer	6,683	6,918	8,681	6,006	6,216	8,004	677	702	677	10.1	10.1	7.8
Morton	13,953	13,948	14,165	12,994	13,066	13,234	959	882	931	6.9	6.3	6.6
Oliver	1,452	1,411	1,511	1,336	1,292	1,431	116	119	80	8.0	8.4	5.3
Sheridan	1,619	1,574	1,570	1,570	1,509	1,537	49	65	33	3.0	4.1	2.1
Sioux	1,482	1,490	1,512	1,302	1,305	1,368	180	185	144	12.1	12.4	9.5
REGION 7 TOTAL	69,413	69,343	72,124	64,796	64,810	67,635	4,617	4,533	4,489	6.7	6.5	6.2
Adams	2,411	2,353	2,417	2,362	2,308	2,355	49	45	62	2.0	1.9	2.6
Billings	1,154	1,218	1,258	1,137	1,197	1,241	17	21	17	1.5	1.7	1.4
Bowman	2,629	2,521	2,541	2,500	2,425	2,487	129	96	54	4.9	3.8	2.1
Dunn	2,537	2,509	2,540	2,371	2,314	2,367	166	195	173	6.5	7.8	6.8
Golden Valley	1,481	1,494	1,479	1,409	1,409	1,428	72	85	51	4.9	5.7	3.4
Hettinger	2,263	2,216	2,254	2,199	2,143	2,197	64	73	57	2.8	3.3	2.5
Slope	771	731	735	728	676	713	43	55	22	5.6	7.5	3.0
Stark	13,233	13,314	13,466	12,404	12,436	12,831	829	878	635	6.3	6.6	4.7
REGION 8 TOTAL	26,479	26,356	26,690	25,110	24,908	25,619	1,369	1,448	1,071	5.2	5.5	4.0
STATE TOTAL	362,626	362,367	357,569	344,751	343,432	342,390	17,875	18,935	15,179	4.9	5.2	4.2

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Aug. 1985	Previous Month July 1985	One Year Ago Aug. 1984	Percent Change From July 1985	Percent Change From Aug. 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,025	117,018	115,341	-0-	1.5
Employment	108,898	108,567	106,860	0.3	1.9
Unemployment	8,127	8,451	8,481	-3.8	-4.2
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	7.2%	7.4%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	362,630	362,370	357,570	0.1	1.4
Employment	344,750	343,430	342,390	0.4	0.7
Unemployment	17,880	18,940	15,180	-5.6	17.8
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.2%	4.2%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	80,040	81,100	75,990	-1.3	5.3
Employment	77,190	78,160	73,600	-1.2	4.9
Unemployment	2,850	2,940	2,390	-3.1	19.2
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%	3.1%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,240	32,390	30,150	-0.5	6.9
Employment	31,030	31,290	28,990	-0.8	7.0
Unemployment	1,210	1,100	1,160	10.0	4.3
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.4%	3.8%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,310	44,300	44,930	-0-	-1.4
Employment	41,520	41,750	42,290	-0.6	-1.8
Unemployment	2,790	2,550	2,640	9.4	5.7
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	5.8%	5.9%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JULY 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	362.3	363.7	2,257.3	418.9
Employment	343.4	344.3	2,136.5	390.7
Unemployment	18.9	19.4	120.8	28.2
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.7

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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